12/5/86 55925-5-A

State Labor Summary

NORTH CAROLINA

September 1986

Employment Security Commission
of North Carolina
Labor Market Information Division

For more information regarding Labor Market Information, you may contact:

Labor Market Information Division
Employment Security Commission of North Carolina
700 Wade Avenue
Post Office Box 25903
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

Telephone: (919) 733-2936

NORTH CAROLINA
STATE LABOR SUMMARY
September 1986

Total Employment Sustains Over-the-Month Drop

Total employment (not seasonally adjusted) in the state was estimated to be 3,026,300 in mid-September of this year, a net over-the-month decline of 46,800 people (-1.5 percent). Moreover, North Carolina's seasonally adjusted total employment was estimated to be 3,021,000 as of the middle of September 1986, a net monthly drop of 7,000 workers (-0.2 percent).

Manufacturing Employment Exhibits Modest Monthly Growth

As of mid-September 1986, North Carolina's manufacturing employment by place of work was estimated to be 832,200, a net over-the-month gain of 4,500 people (+0.5 percent). The durable goods sector accounted for 1,300 of that increase as several of its industry groups displayed positive movement: transportation equipment (+700; +3.1 percent); electrical machinery (+600; +1 percent) with household appliances up by 300; and furniture and fixtures (+600; +0.7 percent) as household furniture added 600. The nondurable goods sector accounted for the balance of the overall manufacturing gain, mainly due to employment increases in two of the nondurable goods industry groups: tobacco manufacturing (+2,800; +11.2 percent) with stemming and redrying up seasonally by 3,300; and apparel and related products (+500; +0.6 percent) as men's and boys' clothing employment grew by 400 people.

Nonmanufacturing Employment Enjoys A Strong Yearly Gain

Nonmanufacturing employment by place of work in the state was estimated to be 1,911,900 in the middle of September of this year, a net yearly increase of 68,100 people (+3.7 percent), compared to a 0.4 percent annual gain in manufacturing employment. Five of the seven nonmanufacturing industry groups experienced significant net over-the-year growth: service and miscellaneous (+23,500); trade (+22,800); construction (+11,700); finance, insurance, and real estate (+7,100); and transportation, communications, and public utilities (+4,300). The primary monthly activity in nonmanufacturing was the anticipated seasonal addition of 42,100 government workers (+11 percent) as state, county and city school personnel returned to work.

Unadjusted Total Unemployment Down In September

Statewide total unemployment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 157,600 this September, a net monthly decrease of 8,300 people (-5 percent). As a result, the unadjusted rate of unemployment fell from 5.1 percent in August 1986 to 4.9 percent in September 1986. On the other hand, North Carolina's seasonally adjusted total unemployment rose by 8,000 people (+4.8 percent) over the month to 174,000. Consequently, the seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment increased from 5.2 percent in August to 5.4 percent in September. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the nation were 6.8 percent in September 1986, and 6.7 percent in August 1986. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 7 percent this September and 6.8 percent this August.

North Carolina Civilian Labor Force 1/

	September 1986	August 1986	September 1985 2/
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,183,900	3,239,000	3,148,600
Employment	3,026,300	3,073,100	3,015,100
Unemployment	157,600	165,900	133,500
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.1	4.2
(Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,195,000	3,194,000	3,156,000
Employment	3,021,000	3,028,000	3,007,000
Unemployment	174,000	166,000	149,000
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.2	4.7
National Rate (Unadjusted)	6.8	6.7	6.9
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.0	6.8	7.1

1/ Data compiled by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
2/ Revised.

Both Average Hourly Earnings And Average Weekly Hours Rise

The average hourly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production employees rose by 3¢ an hour (+0.4 percent) to $7.61 from the middle of August 1986, to the middle of September 1986. Workers in the durable goods segment enjoyed a larger net monthly increase of 8¢ an hour (+1 percent) to rise to $7.92 this September. Employees in electrical machinery experienced the largest net over-the-month gain, jumping 30¢ an hour (+3.5 percent) to reach $8.93. Nonelectrical machinery workers were second with a net monthly increase of 7¢ an hour (+0.8 percent) to hit $8.76 in September of this year. The average hourly earnings of employees in the nondurable goods segment remained constant over the month at $7.42; however, there were some modest gains in specific industries. For instance, workers in both textile mill products and printing experienced net monthly increases of 6¢ an hour, rising to $6.75 and $8.86, respectively. Also, apparel employees added 4¢ an hour (+0.8 percent) to climb to $5.29 over the month. From mid-August to mid-September of this year, the average weekly earnings of the state's manufacturing production workers gained $2.75 (+0.9 percent) to $312.01. Average weekly hours continued to inch forward in September, rising to 41, an over-the-month increase of 0.2 of an hour.

High Percentage Of Job Openings Filled

There were 28,963 job openings received by the local Job Service offices across the state during the month of September, 1986. Most of those openings (79.5 percent,or 23,025) were filled. Farming, fishing, and forestry led the way in September with the largest number of job openings received, a total of

6,737. A high percentage was filled (98.4 percent or 6,628). The miscellaneous occupational group was second with 5,438 job openings received and 3,873, or 71.2 percent, filled. The service sector had 3,518 openings received and 2,533, or 72.0 percent, filled. The professional, technical, and managerial sector registered the fewest job openings received this September with 1,024 and only 470, or 45.9 percent, were filled. Thus far during this fiscal year (July 1, 1986, through September 30, 1986), 92,554 job openings have been received by local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina with a good percentage having been filled (78.6 percent or 72,774). At the end September of this year, there were 18,820 nonagricultural job openings on file with 56 percent (10,547) classified as hard-to-fill due to being on file for 30 days or more. The following table provides additional information from the state's job openings file for September, 1986, and for the fiscal year to date (July 1, 1986, through September 30, 1986).

Statewide Job Openings Data

	September, 1986		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As of Sept. 30, 1986	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	1,024	470	3,362	1,535	1,814	1,193
Clerical	2,513	1,579	8,705	5,759	2,486	1,420
Sales	1,230	767	2,881	1,567	1,141	661
Service	3,518	2,533	12,908	9,234	3,815	2,391
Domestic	247	199	774	583	121	74
Other Services	3,271	2,334	12,134	8,651	3,694	2,317
Farm., Fish., and Forest.	6,737	6,628	23,961	23,352	289	185
Processing	1,145	1,033	4,177	3,390	681	397
Machine Trades	2,254	1,631	6,168	4,604	1,797	783
Bench Work	1,826	2,247	7,228	6,006	1,888	880
Structural Work	3,278	2,264	9,817	7,112	2,670	1,459
Miscellaneous	5,438	3,873	13,347	10,215	2,239	1,178
Motor Freight and Transp.	1,651	339	2,916	1,011	679	351
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	3,681	3,483	10,188	9,064	1,475	791
Other	106	51	243	140	85	36
Total	28,963	23,025	63,591	49,749	20,275	11,900

1/ July 1, 1986, through September 30, 1986.

The Number Of Job Applicants Declined Over The Month

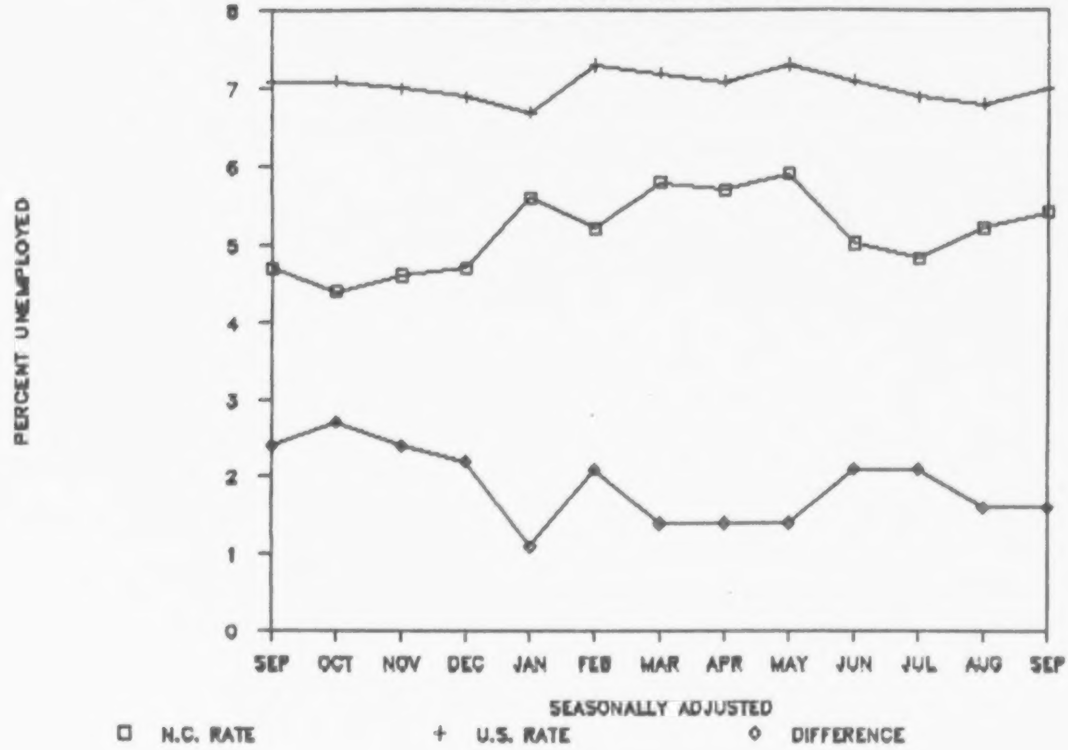
There were 172,025 active job applicants registered for work with local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina at the end of September of this year. That was a net monthly drop of 2,702 people (-1.5 percent). The largest applicant segment by age was the 22 to 39 segment which had 108,100 or 62.8 percent of the total. Next came the 40 to 54 age sector with 30,384, or 17.7 percent. The smallest number of active applicants was seen in the 55 and over age group with 8,962, or only 5.2 percent of the total. Most of the active applicants were males (88,000 or 51.2 percent). Also, the largest ethnic group was white (not Hispanic) which had 98,893, or 57.5 percent of the total. In September 1986, 1,190 applicants were placed in occupations that paid more than $15,000 a year. The Raleigh Job Service Office led with 138, followed by Gastonia with 120, Winston-Salem with 103, and Greensboro with 86. The next table gives more data from the statewide active applicant file as of September 30, 1986.

Statewide Active Applicant File
September 30, 1986

	Number	Percent
Total	172,025	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	24,579	14.3
22 - 39	108,100	62.8
40 - 54	30,384	17.7
55 and Over	8,962	5.2
Sex		
Male	88,000	51.2
Female	84,025	48.8
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	98,893	57.5
Black, not Hispanic	68,134	39.6
Hispanic	1,756	1.0
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,381	1.4
Other Races and Undetermined	861	0.5
Eligible Claimant	66,391	38.6
Veteran	33,112	19.2
Handicapped	10,699	6.2
Seasonal Farmworker	3,292	1.9

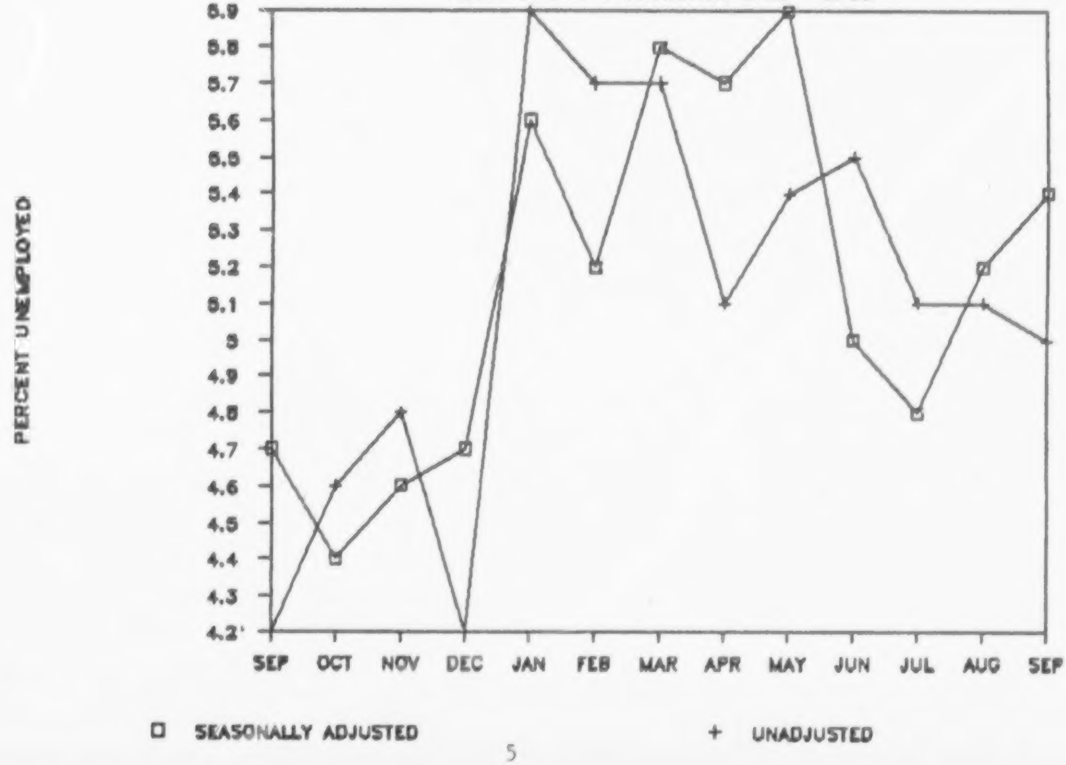
A COMPARISON: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

N.C. AND THE U.S. SEP 1985 – SEP 1986

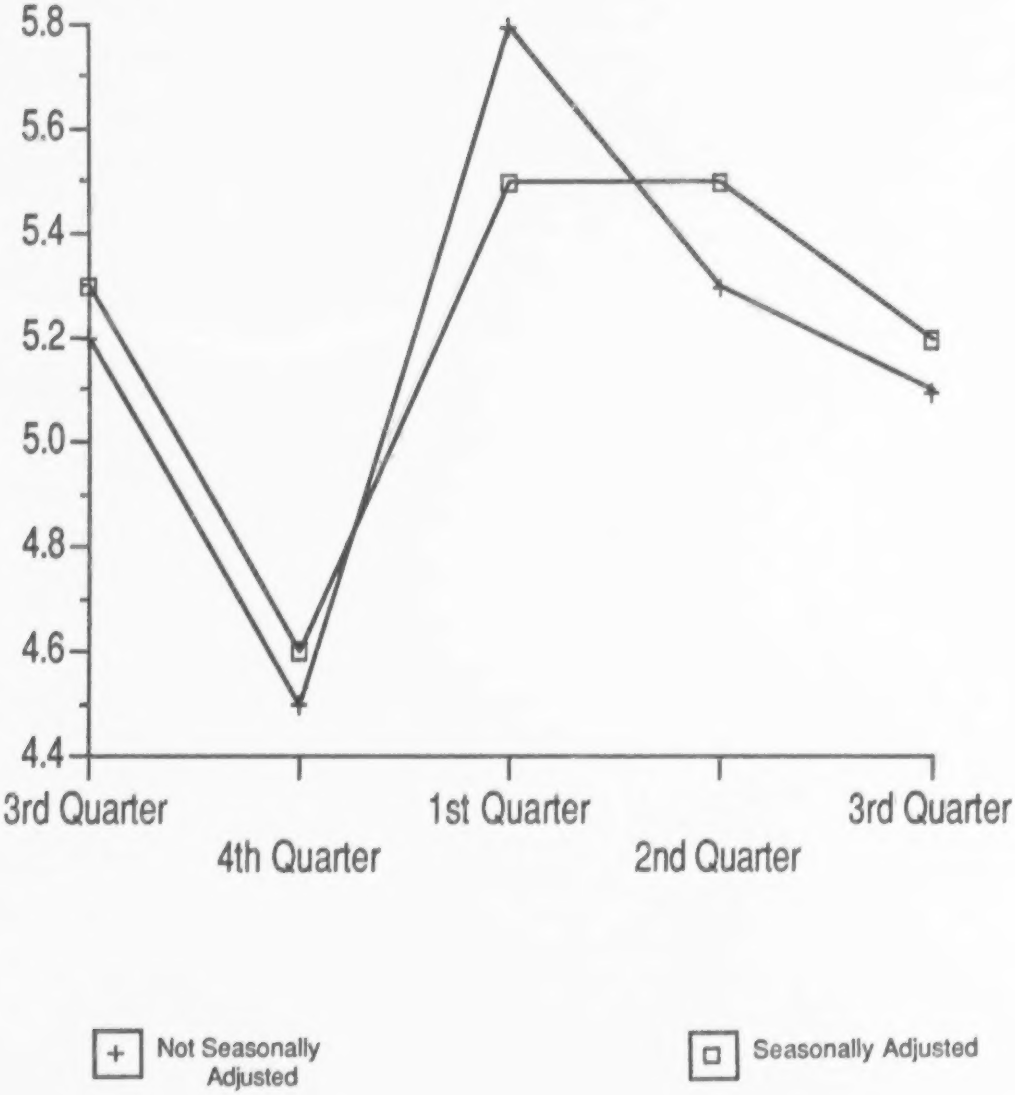


NORTH CAROLINA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

ADJUSTED AND UNADJUSTED: 9/85 – 9/86

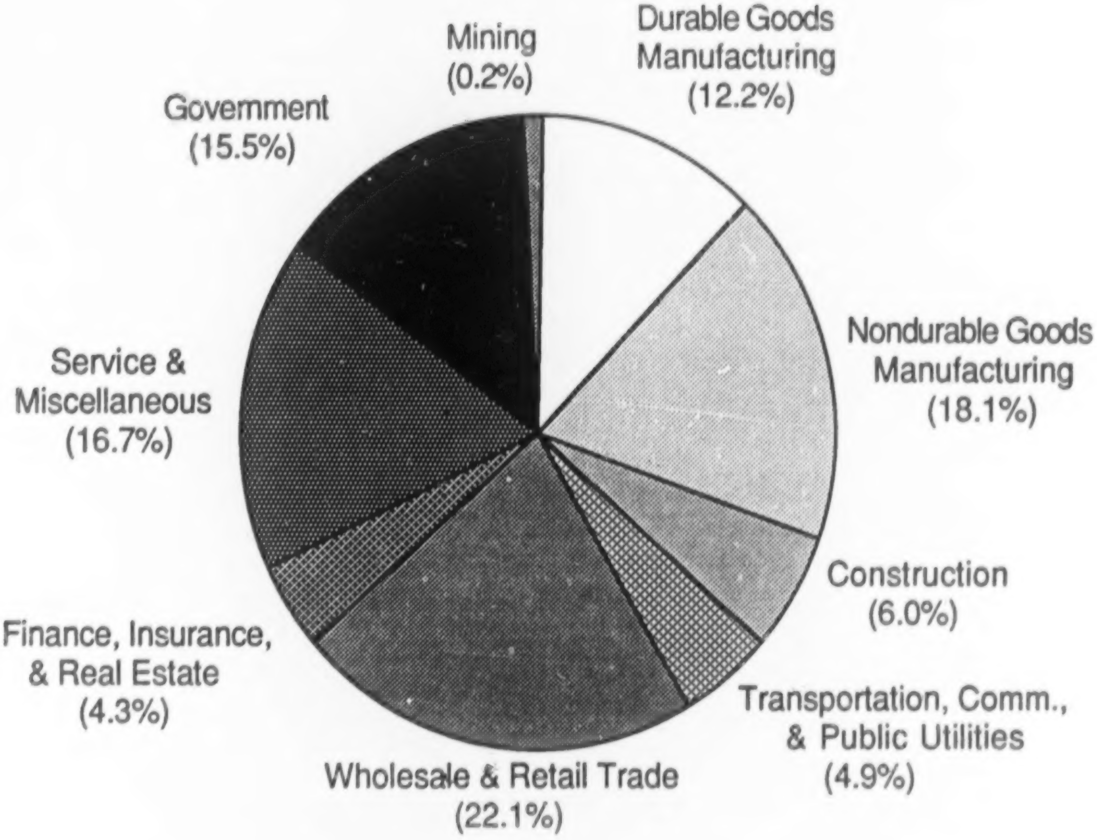


NORTH CAROLINA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
Quarterly Averages
3rd Quarter, 1985, through 3rd Quarter, 1986



COMPOSITION OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA
SEPTEMBER 1986

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL
INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

September, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Sept. 1986 (thous.)	Aug.* 1986 (thous.)	Sept.* 1985 (thous.)	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,744.2	2,696.9	2,672.5	+ 1.8	+ 2.7
MANUFACTURING	832.2	827.7	828.8	+ 0.5	+ 0.4
DURABLE GOODS	334.8	333.5	340.4	+ 0.4	- 1.6
Lumber & Wood Products	34.9	35.4	35.8	- 1.4	- 2.5
Sawmills & Planing Mills	11.4	11.6	12.1	- 1.7	- 5.8
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.3	8.5	8.4	- 2.4	- 1.2
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.3	5.2	5.2	+ 1.9	+ 1.9
Furniture & Fixtures	85.4	84.8	84.6	+ 0.7	+ 0.9
Household Furniture	75.5	74.9	74.9	+ 0.8	+ 0.8
Wood Household Furniture	38.1	37.9	37.6	+ 0.5	+ 1.3
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.3	31.2	31.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.9	20.0	19.5	- 0.5	+ 2.1
Structural Clay Products	2.8	2.8	2.6	0	+ 7.7
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.7	5.6	5.6	+ 1.8	+ 1.8
Primary Metal Industries	10.1	10.1	10.6	0	- 4.7
Fabricated Metal Products	26.4	26.6	26.7	- 0.8	- 1.1
Fab. Structural Metal Products	7.7	8.0	8.6	- 3.8	- 10.5
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	55.0	54.8	56.9	+ 0.4	- 3.3
Special Industry Machinery	7.2	7.1	7.0	+ 1.4	+ 2.9
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	62.5	61.9	65.9	+ 1.0	- 5.2
Household Appliances	6.6	6.3	5.3	+ 4.8	+ 24.5
Transportation Equipment	23.4	22.7	23.3	+ 3.1	+ 0.4
Other Durable Goods 2/	17.2	17.4	17.0	- 1.1	+ 1.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	497.5	494.2	488.4	+ 0.7	+ 1.9
Food & Kindred Products	48.3	48.2	47.0	+ 0.2	+ 2.8
Meat Products	21.2	21.0	20.0	+ 1.0	+ 6.0
Meat Packing Plants	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Dairy Products	3.2	3.2	3.0	0	+ 6.7
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.3	2.4	+ 4.3	0
Bakery Products	7.9	7.8	7.7	+ 1.3	+ 2.6
Beverages	5.9	6.0	6.0	- 1.7	- 1.7
Tobacco Manufacturers	27.8	25.0	28.5	+ 11.2	- 2.5
Cigarettes	20.2	20.7	20.6	- 2.4	- 1.9
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	7.0	3.7	7.5	+ 89.2	- 6.7
Textile Mill Products	209.5	209.7	206.3	- 0.1	+ 1.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	52.0	51.9	55.0	+ 0.2	- 5.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton	27.1	26.9	29.0	+ 0.7	- 6.6
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.3	24.4	25.3	- 0.4	- 4.0
Knitting Mills	77.7	78.5	75.4	- 1.0	+ 3.1
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.3	25.4	25.5	- 0.4	- 0.8
Hosiery, NEC	23.9	24.2	22.8	- 1.2	+ 4.8
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.5	13.5	12.6	0	+ 7.1
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.2	6.3	6.1	- 1.6	+ 1.6
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.7	14.6	14.2	+ 0.7	+ 3.5
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.4	50.2	47.9	+ 0.4	+ 5.2

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

September, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Sept. 1986 (thous.)	Aug.* 1986 (thous.)	Sept.* 1985 (thous.)	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.2	89.7	87.3	+ 0.6	+ 3.3
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furn.	31.2	30.8	29.1	+ 1.3	+ 7.2
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	37.5	37.6	38.1	- 0.3	- 1.6
Paper & Allied Products	22.2	22.2	22.3	0	- 0.4
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.5	10.5	10.8	0	- 2.8
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.8	7.7	7.8	+ 1.3	0
Printing & Publishing	27.2	27.3	26.2	- 0.4	+ 3.8
Newspapers	9.9	9.9	9.6	0	+ 3.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.4	37.4	37.4	0	0
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.4	12.2	13.0	+ 1.6	- 4.6
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	30.2	30.1	29.0	+ 0.3	+ 4.1
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.6	4.6	4.4	0	+ 4.5
NONMANUFACTURING	1,911.9	1,869.2	1,843.8	+ 2.3	+ 3.7
MINING	4.8	4.7	4.8	+ 2.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	165.5	166.3	153.8	- 0.5	+ 7.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	135.1	134.3	130.8	+ 0.6	+ 3.3
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	73.8	72.7	71.2	+ 1.5	+ 3.7
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	56.8	57.0	54.8	- 0.4	+ 3.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	604.9	605.0	582.1	**	+ 3.9
Wholesale Trade	142.5	143.3	139.0	- 0.6	+ 2.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	86.1	86.7	83.1	- 0.7	+ 3.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	56.4	56.5	56.0	- 0.2	+ 0.7
Retail Trade	462.4	461.7	443.0	+ 0.2	+ 4.4
General Merchandise Stores	61.5	61.4	57.6	+ 0.2	+ 6.8
Food Stores	72.8	73.1	70.1	- 0.4	+ 3.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	117.4	117.5	110.3	- 0.1	+ 6.4
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	458.2	457.5	434.7	+ 0.2	+ 5.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	29.3	30.5	27.5	- 3.9	+ 6.5
Personal Services	28.5	28.3	27.1	+ 0.7	+ 5.2
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.9	11.8	11.7	+ 0.8	+ 1.7
Health Services	116.4	116.1	110.9	+ 0.3	+ 5.0
Hospitals	44.5	44.5	42.9	0	+ 3.7
Legal Services	11.7	11.7	10.1	0	+ 15.8
Educational Services	30.0	24.8	31.0	+ 21.0	- 3.2
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	426.0	383.9	427.3	+ 11.0	- 0.3
Federal	52.4	52.4	51.9	0	+ 1.0
State	121.5	116.7	124.1	+ 4.1	- 2.1
Education	61.4	56.0	63.4	+ 9.6	- 3.2
Other	60.0	60.7	60.7	- 1.2	- 1.2
Local	252.1	214.8	251.3	+ 17.4	+ 0.3
Education	130.4	90.4	134.3	+ 44.2	- 2.9
Other	121.8	124.5	117.0	- 2.2	+ 4.1

1/ Current month data are preliminary. * Revised. **Less than 0.05 percent.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

Compiled by Labor Market Information Division in cooperation with USDOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL
INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

September, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	September 1986 (thous)	August* 1986 (thous)	September* 1985 (thous)	August 1986	September 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,720.1	2,716.4	2,648.0	+ 0.1	+ 2.7
MANUFACTURING	826.3	823.5	822.0	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
DURABLE GOODS	333.9	332.8	338.8	+ 0.3	- 1.4
Lumber & Wood Products	34.6	34.9	35.5	- 0.9	- 2.5
Sawmills & Planing Mills	11.3	11.5	12.0	- 1.7	- 5.8
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.3	8.4	8.4	- 1.2	- 1.2
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.2	5.0	5.1	+ 4.0	+ 2.0
Furniture & Fixtures	85.7	85.4	84.3	+ 0.4	+ 1.7
Household Furniture	75.8	75.4	75.2	+ 0.5	+ 0.8
Wood Household Furniture	38.0	37.6	37.5	+ 1.1	+ 1.3
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.4	31.4	31.2	0	+ 0.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.5	19.7	19.1	- 1.0	+ 2.1
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.7	2.5	0	+ 8.0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.6	5.6	5.5	0	+ 1.8
Primary Metal Industries	10.1	10.0	10.6	+ 1.0	- 4.7
Fabricated Metal Products	26.2	26.4	26.5	- 0.8	- 1.1
Fab. Structural Metal Products	7.6	7.8	8.5	- 2.6	- 10.6
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	55.1	54.4	57.0	+ 1.3	- 3.3
Special Industry Machinery	7.2	7.1	7.0	+ 1.4	+ 2.9
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	62.2	61.7	65.6	+ 0.8	- 5.2
Household Appliances	6.1	5.9	4.9	+ 3.4	+ 1.2
Transportation Equipment	23.5	22.9	23.4	+ 2.6	+ 0.4
Other Durable Goods 2/	17.0	17.4	16.8	- 2.3	+ 1.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	492.4	490.7	483.2	+ 0.3	+ 1.9
Food & Kindred Products	47.6	47.9	46.3	- 0.6	+ 2.8
Meat Products	21.1	20.9	19.9	+ 1.0	+ 6.0
Meat Packing Plants	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Dairy Products	3.2	3.1	3.0	+ 3.2	+ 6.7
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.3	2.4	+ 4.3	0
Bakery Products	7.9	7.8	7.7	+ 1.3	+ 2.6
Beverages	5.9	5.8	6.0	+ 1.7	- 1.7
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.1	23.6	25.7	+ 6.4	- 2.3
Cigarettes	20.5	20.7	20.9	- 1.0	- 1.9
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.2	2.8	4.5	+ 50.0	- 6.7
Textile Mill Products	208.0	208.7	204.8	- 0.3	+ 1.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	51.5	51.8	54.5	- 0.6	- 5.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton	27.0	26.9	28.9	+ 0.4	- 6.6
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.0	24.4	25.0	- 1.6	- 4.0
Knitting Mills	77.1	77.8	74.8	- 0.9	+ 3.1
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.2	25.1	25.4	+ 0.4	- 0.8
Hosiery, NEC	23.7	23.7	22.6	0	+ 4.9
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.4	13.4	12.5	0	+ 7.2
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.2	6.2	6.1	0	+ 1.6
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.6	14.5	14.1	+ 0.7	+ 3.5
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.1	49.8	47.6	+ 0.6	+ 5.2

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OR NORTH CAROLINA 1/

September, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	September 1986 (thous)	August* 1986 (thous)	September* 1985 (thous)	August 1986	September 1985
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.5	88.9	86.5	- 0.7	+ 3.5
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furn.	30.6	30.2	28.5	+ 1.3	+ 7.4
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	37.2	37.5	37.8	- 0.8	- 1.6
Paper & Allied Products	22.3	22.3	22.4	0	- 0.4
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.5	10.5	10.8	0	- 2.8
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.8	7.7	7.8	+ 1.3	0
Printing & Publishing	27.5	27.7	26.5	- 0.7	+ 3.8
Newspapers	9.9	9.9	9.6	0	+ 3.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.5	37.2	37.5	+ 0.8	0
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.5	12.1	13.1	+ 3.3	- 4.6
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	30.3	29.8	29.1	+ 1.7	+ 1.2
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.6	4.6	4.4	0	+ 4.5
NONMANUFACTURING	1,893.8	1,892.9	1,826.0	+ 0.1	+ 3.7
MINING	4.8	4.6	4.8	+ 4.3	0
CONSTRUCTION	161.1	160.1	149.7	+ 0.6	+ 7.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	134.2	133.4	129.9	+ 0.6	+ 3.3
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	72.9	72.4	70.4	+ 0.7	+ 3.6
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	57.0	56.7	55.0	+ 0.5	+ 3.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	600.1	599.4	577.2	+ 0.1	+ 4.0
Wholesale Trade	140.0	140.5	136.5	- 0.4	+ 2.6
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	86.3	86.4	83.2	- 0.1	+ 3.7
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	53.7	54.1	53.3	- 0.7	+ 0.8
Retail Trade	460.1	458.9	440.7	+ 0.3	+ 4.4
General Merchandise Stores	62.8	62.5	58.8	+ 0.1	+ 6.8
Food Stores	72.4	73.2	69.7	- 1.1	+ 3.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	117.0	116.3	110.0	+ 0.6	+ 6.4
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	453.7	450.7	430.3	+ 0.7	+ 5.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	28.0	27.5	26.3	+ 1.8	+ 7.6
Personal Services	29.0	28.8	27.6	+ 0.7	+ 5.1
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.8	11.7	11.6	+ 0.9	+ 1.7
Health Services	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hospitals	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Legal Services	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Educational Services	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	422.9	428.4	424.1	- 1.3	- 0.3
Federal	52.5	52.1	52.0	+ 0.8	+ 1.0
State	123.2	125.7	125.9	- 2.0	- 2.1
Education	63.1	66.1	65.1	- 4.5	- 3.1
Other	60.1	59.6	60.8	+ 0.8	- 1.2
Local	247.2	250.6	246.2	- 1.4	+ 0.4
Education	124.5	129.0	128.4	- 3.5	- 3.0
Other	122.7	121.6	117.8	+ 0.9	+ 4.2

1/ Current month data are preliminary. *Revised.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.
Compiled by Labor Market Information Division in cooperation with USDOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

September, 1986

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	September 1986	August* 1986	September* 1985	August 1986	September 1985
MANUFACTURING	659.5	655.5	656.0	+ 0.6	+ 0.5
DURABLE GOODS	252.5	251.5	257.3	+ 0.4	- 1.9
Lumber & Wood Products	29.7	30.2	30.8	- 1.7	- 3.6
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.1	7.3	7.4	- 2.7	- 4.1
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.2	4.2	4.2	0	0
Furniture & Fixtures	74.9	74.3	75.0	+ 0.8	- 0.1
Household Furniture	66.7	66.2	66.9	+ 0.8	- 0.3
Wood Household Furniture	34.7	34.6	34.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	16.1	16.2	15.8	- 0.6	+ 1.9
Structural Clay Products	2.3	2.2	2.1	+ 4.5	+ 9.5
Primary Metal Industries	7.2	7.2	7.9	0	- 8.9
Fabricated Metal Products	19.6	19.8	19.8	- 1.0	- 1.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	28.1	28.0	28.7	+ 0.4	- 2.1
Special Industry Machinery	4.8	4.8	4.7	0	+ 2.1
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	45.0	44.4	47.5	+ 1.4	- 5.3
Household Appliances	5.9	5.7	4.6	+ 3.5	+ 28.3
Transportation Equipment	18.9	18.3	18.8	+ 3.3	+ 0.5
NONDURABLE GOODS	407.0	404.0	398.6	+ 0.7	+ 2.1
Food & Kindred Products	34.6	34.3	33.2	+ 0.9	+ 4.2
Meat Products	18.9	18.6	17.7	+ 1.6	+ 6.8
Meat Packing	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 5.6
Dairy Products	1.6	1.7	1.5	- 5.9	+ 6.7
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Bakery Products	4.4	4.3	4.3	+ 2.3	+ 2.3
Beverages	2.5	2.6	2.5	- 3.8	0
Tobacco Manufacturers	21.7	19.0	22.3	+ 14.2	- 2.7
Cigarettes	15.6	16.1	16.3	- 3.1	- 4.3
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	5.5	2.4	5.6	+129.2	- 1.8
Textile Mill Products	185.4	185.7	182.1	- 0.2	+ 1.8
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	46.1	46.0	48.4	+ 0.2	- 4.8
Weaving Mills, Cotton	23.8	23.6	25.4	+ 0.8	- 6.3
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	21.8	21.9	22.6	- 0.5	- 3.5
Knitting Mills	69.0	69.6	66.7	- 0.9	+ 3.4
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.6	22.7	22.9	- 0.4	- 1.3
Hosiery, NEC	21.5	21.8	20.6	- 1.4	+ 4.4
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	11.6	11.7	10.6	- 0.9	+ 9.4
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.5	5.5	5.3	0	+ 3.8
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	12.4	12.3	11.9	+ 0.8	+ 4.2
Yarn & Thread Mills	45.8	45.7	43.6	+ 0.2	+ 5.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	78.9	78.5	76.5	+ 0.5	+ 3.1
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	27.2	26.8	25.7	+ 1.5	+ 5.8
Women's & Children's Garments	32.7	32.8	33.1	- 0.3	- 1.2
Paper & Allied Products	16.6	16.6	16.8	0	- 1.2
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.4	7.5	7.9	- 1.3	- 6.3
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.9	5.9	5.9	0	0
Printing & Publishing	16.7	16.8	16.3	- 0.6	+ 2.5
Newspapers	3.7	3.8	3.6	- 2.6	+ 2.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	24.6	24.8	24.3	- 0.8	+ 1.2
Plastic Materials & Synthetics	8.7	8.6	8.9	+ 1.2	- 2.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	24.7	24.5	23.6	+ 0.8	+ 4.7
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.9	3.8	3.6	+ 2.6	+ 8.3

1/ Current data are preliminary. Compiled by the Labor Market Information Division in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products."

* Revised.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

September, 1986

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Sept. 1986	Aug.* 1986	Sept.* 1985	Sept. 1986	Aug.* 1986	Sept.* 1985	Sept. 1986	Aug.* 1986	Sept.* 1985
MANUFACTURING	$312.01	$309.26	$296.94	41.0	40.8	40.4	$ 7.61	$ 7.58	$ 7.35
DURABLE GOODS	327.10	319.87	308.10	41.3	40.8	40.7	7.92	7.84	7.57
Lumber & Wood Products	273.16	266.90	262.40	41.2	40.5	41.0	6.63	6.59	6.40
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	267.08	261.55	250.67	40.9	40.3	40.3	6.53	6.49	6.22
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	291.73	297.94	285.60	39.8	40.1	40.8	7.33	7.43	7.00
Furniture & Fixtures	275.62	268.88	260.02	39.6	38.8	39.1	6.96	6.93	6.65
Household Furniture	274.82	268.11	259.90	39.6	38.8	39.2	6.94	6.91	6.63
Wood Household Furniture	264.22	261.05	249.64	40.4	40.1	39.5	6.54	6.51	6.32
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	358.22	344.86	335.58	42.9	41.4	42.0	8.35	8.33	7.99
Structural Clay Products	303.94	304.34	279.91	44.5	44.3	42.8	6.83	6.87	6.54
Primary Metal Industries	366.91	369.56	366.35	41.6	41.9	42.5	8.82	8.82	8.62
Fabricated Metal Products	355.31	355.75	332.11	41.9	42.2	42.2	8.48	8.43	7.87
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	375.80	372.80	356.16	42.9	42.9	42.4	8.76	8.69	8.40
Special Industry Machinery	344.43	338.24	326.23	41.8	41.4	41.4	8.24	8.17	7.88
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	376.85	360.73	342.63	42.2	41.8	40.5	8.93	8.63	8.46
Household Appliances	281.63	273.97	287.58	43.8	41.7	41.8	6.43	6.57	6.88
Transportation Equipment	367.18	359.21	349.43	42.4	41.1	41.5	8.66	8.74	8.42
NONDURABLE GOODS	302.74	303.48	289.12	40.8	40.9	40.1	7.42	7.42	7.21
Food & Kindred Products	276.98	280.09	269.69	40.2	40.3	41.3	6.89	6.95	6.53
Meat Products	227.94	226.98	221.20	38.7	38.8	40.0	5.89	5.85	5.53
Meat Packing	334.41	330.07	349.66	42.6	42.7	44.6	7.85	7.73	7.84
Dairy Products	290.18	301.78	296.56	42.8	43.8	44.0	6.78	6.89	6.74
Grain Mill Products	324.72	319.18	308.07	44.0	42.5	44.2	7.38	7.51	6.97
Bakery Products	323.36	310.42	306.49	43.0	41.5	42.1	7.52	7.48	7.28
Beverages	527.30	540.85	514.05	42.8	43.9	44.2	12.32	12.32	11.63
Tobacco Manufacturers	483.46	504.31	445.17	38.4	34.9	36.7	12.59	14.45	12.13
Cigarettes	574.51	556.86	533.06	36.5	35.2	35.8	15.74	15.82	14.89
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	243.53	208.79	201.73	43.8	33.3	39.4	5.56	6.27	5.12
Textile Mill Products	282.15	282.32	264.71	41.8	42.2	40.6	6.75	6.69	6.52
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	327.46	323.36	295.80	43.2	43.0	40.8	7.58	7.52	7.25
Weaving Mills, Cotton	338.17	326.13	300.98	43.3	42.3	40.4	7.81	7.71	7.45
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	316.22	319.88	291.46	43.2	43.7	41.4	7.32	7.32	7.04
Knitting Mills	243.98	249.24	237.16	39.1	40.2	39.2	6.24	6.20	6.05
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	223.38	233.53	232.83	36.5	38.6	39.0	6.12	6.05	5.97
Hosiery, NEC	233.40	232.26	224.96	38.2	38.2	38.0	6.11	6.08	5.92
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	286.76	289.01	267.62	42.8	43.2	41.3	6.70	6.69	6.48
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	298.14	312.74	274.95	44.3	46.4	42.3	6.73	6.74	6.50
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	297.30	298.42	293.01	42.9	43.0	42.9	6.93	6.94	6.83
Yarn & Thread Mills	285.14	283.39	260.83	43.6	43.8	41.6	6.54	6.47	6.27
Apparel & Other Textile Products	202.61	198.98	196.08	38.3	37.9	38.0	5.29	5.25	5.16
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	199.97	192.22	189.69	37.1	36.2	36.2	5.39	5.31	5.24
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	186.47	186.09	186.52	37.9	37.9	38.3	4.92	4.91	4.87
Paper & Allied Products	513.28	506.87	499.90	46.2	45.5	44.2	11.11	11.14	11.31
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	665.99	664.98	632.19	47.2	46.6	44.9	14.11	14.27	14.08
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	394.55	373.88	365.41	46.2	45.1	44.4	8.54	8.29	8.23
Printing & Publishing	349.08	347.60	335.69	39.4	39.5	39.4	8.86	8.80	8.52
Newspapers	276.05	268.09	279.67	33.1	32.3	34.4	8.34	8.30	8.13
Chemicals & Allied Products	417.08	422.26	399.23	41.5	42.1	41.5	10.05	10.03	9.62
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	463.61	471.33	444.37	42.3	42.5	42.2	10.96	11.09	10.53
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	372.28	394.98	370.46	41.0	42.7	40.8	9.08	9.25	9.08
MINING	369.01	366.57	395.12	45.5	45.2	48.6	8.11	8.11	8.13
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	498.54	505.56	487.20	42.0	42.2	42.0	11.87	11.98	11.60
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	207.95	206.79	201.35	32.8	33.3	32.9	6.34	6.21	6.12
Wholesale Trade	325.20	320.76	305.34	40.0	39.6	39.5	8.13	8.10	7.73
Retail Trade	174.38	175.06	172.29	30.7	31.6	31.1	5.68	5.54	5.54
General Merchandise Stores	164.74	163.17	158.60	28.8	29.4	29.1	5.72	5.55	5.45
Food Stores	187.27	191.75	186.15	32.4	33.7	32.6	5.78	5.69	5.71
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	144.60	142.30	139.07	30.7	30.8	30.7	4.71	4.62	4.53
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	195.92	193.99	194.02	35.3	35.4	35.6	5.55	5.48	5.45

1/ Current month data are preliminary. *Revised

Compiled by the Labor Market Information Division in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

12/17/86 55925-5
A

State Labor Summary
NORTH CAROLINA

October 1986

Employment Security Commission
of North Carolina
Labor Market Information Division

For more information regarding Labor Market Information, you may contact:

Labor Market Information Division
Employment Security Commission of North Carolina
700 Wade Avenue
Post Office Box 25903
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

Telephone: (919) 733-2936

North Carolina
State Labor Summary
October 1986

Total Employment Grows In October

North Carolina's total employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 3,037,200 as of mid-October 1986, a net monthly gain of 10,900 workers (+ 0.4 percent). For the same period, the state's seasonally adjusted total employment was estimated to be 3,035,000, a net over-the-month increase of 14,000 people (+ 0.5 percent).

Manufacturing Employment Grows Over The Month And Year

Statewide manufacturing employment by place of work was estimated to be 834,600 in mid-October of this year, a modest net monthly increase of 2,100 workers (+ 0.3 percent). The durable goods segment grew by 400 people (+ 0.1 percent) as furniture and fixtures led the way (+ 700; + 0.8 percent), all in household furniture. Transportation equipment employment increased by 300 persons (+ 1.3 percent) over the month. The nondurable goods segment advanced by 1,600 workers (+ 0.3 percent) as most of its industry groups exhibited monthly gains. Seventy-five percent of that growth occurred in apparel and related products (+ 700; + 0.8 percent) as women and children's garments added 100 people and men's and boys' clothing climbed by 200; and in textile mills products (+ 500; + 0.2 percent) with employment in weaving mills growing by 300 workers and yarn mills by 200. Since October of last year, manufacturing employment has grown by 4,300 persons (+ 0.5 percent).

Nonmanufacturing Employment Up Monthly And Annually

In mid-October 1986, North Carolina's nonmanufacturing employment by place of work was estimated to be 1,937,500, a net over-the-month gain of 17,300 workers (+ 0.9 percent). Three of the seven nonmanufacturing industry groups accounted for 93.1 percent of the monthly increase. Government increased by 8,300 (+ 1.9 percent) with state government up 6,000 and local up 2,500; service and miscellaneous experienced a growth of 5,300 (+ 1.2 percent) with private education up 3,300; and employment in trade climbed by 2,500 (+ 0.4 percent) with wholesale rising by 500 and retail growing by 2,100. Over the year, nonmanufacturing employment grew by 75,500 workers (+ 4.1 percent) which, on a percentage basis, was more than eight times the yearly growth in manufacturing.

Seasonally Adjusted Total Unemployment Falls Over The Month

In October 1986, North Carolina's seasonally adjusted total unemployment was estimtaed to be 161,000, a net over-the-month decline of 13,000 persons (- 7.5 percent), and the seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment dropped from 5.4 percent this September to 5.0 percent this October. The state's unadjusted total unemployment experienced a noticeable net monthly increase of 4,900 people (+ 3.1 percent) to rise to 162,500 in October 1986, and as a result, the unadjusted rate of unemployment rose from 4.9 percent in September to 5.1 percent in October. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 6.6 percent this October and 6.8 percent this September. The seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment for the nation was 7 percent in October and September 1986.

North Carolina Civilian Labor Force 1/

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)	October 1986	September 1986	October 1985 2/
Civilian Labor Force	3,199,700	3,183,900	3,179,800
Employment	3,037,200	3,026,300	3,032,300
Unemployment	162,500	157,600	147,500
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.9	4.6
(Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,196,000	3,195,000	3,182,000
Employment	3,035,000	3,021,000	3,040,000
Unemployment	161,000	174,000	142,000
Unemployment Rate	5.0	5.4	4.5
National Rate (Unadjusted)	6.6	6.8	6.8
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.0	7.0	7.1

1/ Data compiled by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

2/ Revised.

Average Hourly Earnings And Average Weekly Hours Fall Slightly

From mid-September to mid-October of this year, the average hourly earnings of the state's manufacturing production workers declined by 3¢ an hour (- 0.4 percent) to $7.58. Earnings of employees in the durable goods sector also fell over the month by 4¢ an hour (- 0.5 percent) to $7.89. Workers in the primary metals industry group, however, enjoyed a good monthly increase of 13¢ an hour (+ 1.5 percent) as earnings rose to $8.92 in October 1986. Employees in the furniture and fixtures industry group saw a net over-the-month gain of 3¢ an hour, (+ 0.4 percent), and hourly earnings reached $7.01 this October. The earnings of workers in the nondurable goods sector decreased as well, down by 2¢ an hour (- 0.3 percent) to $7.39. Employees in two of the industry groups did, nontheless, experience noticeable increases. Hourly earnings of employees in paper and allied products were up 29¢ (+ 2.6 percent) and in chemicals by 8¢ (+ 0.8 percent). The average weekly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production employees dropped by $1.99 (- 0.6 percent) to $310.78 from the middle of September to the middle of October 1986. Even though average weekly hours fell by 0.1 of an hour over the month, they remained strong in October 1986 at 41.0.

Most Job Openings Filled In October

During October of this year, there were 25,875 job openings received by local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina, a drop of 3,088 (- 10.7 percent) over the month. A high percentage (78.5 percent, or 20,312) was filled. The miscellaneous occupational group recorded the most job openings received in October with 3,998, and of these, 85.7 percent or 3,425 were filled. The service category had 3,945 job openings received and 2,805 or 71.1 percent of these were filled. Farming, fishing, and forestry followed with 3,672 job openings, all of which were filled. The lowest number of job openings received in October was in the professional, technical, and managerial group with just 996; however, more than half (526 or 52.8 percent) were filled. A total of 118,429 job openings have been received by local Job Service offices across the state from July 1, 1986, through October 31, 1986, and most openings have been filled (93,086 or 78.6 percent). There were 17,240 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file as of October 31, 1986. More than half (54.6 percent or 9,412) had been open for 30 days or more and were, therefore, labeled as hard to fill. The next table gives more data from the statewide job openings file for October 1986, and for the fiscal year to date (July 1, 1986, through October 31, 1986).

Statewide Job Openings Data

	October 1986		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) as of Oct. 31, 1986	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof. Tech., and Mgr.	996	526	4,358	2,061	1,595	993
Clerical	2,798	1,582	11,503	7,341	2,341	1,115
Sales	1,301	648	4,182	2,215	1,316	732
Service	3,945	2,805	16,853	12,039	3,436	1,913
Domestic	259	207	1,033	790	122	72
Other Services	3,686	2,598	15,820	11,249	3,314	1,841
Farm., Fish., and Forest	3,672	3,737	27,633	27,089	185	110
Processing	1,299	1,250	5,476	4,640	587	344
Machine Trades	2,088	1,668	8,256	6,272	1,617	946
Bench Work	2,618	2,374	9,846	8,380	1,719	885
Structural Work	3,160	2,297	12,977	9,409	2,440	1,324
Miscellaneous	3,998	3,425	17,345	13,640	2,004	1,050
Motor Freight and Transp.	621	361	3,537	1,372	644	333
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	3,326	3,031	13,514	12,095	1,300	681
Other	51	33	294	173	60	36
Total	25,875	20,312	118,429	93,086	17,240	9,412

1/ July 1, 1986, through October 31, 1986.

The Number of Job Applicants Increases

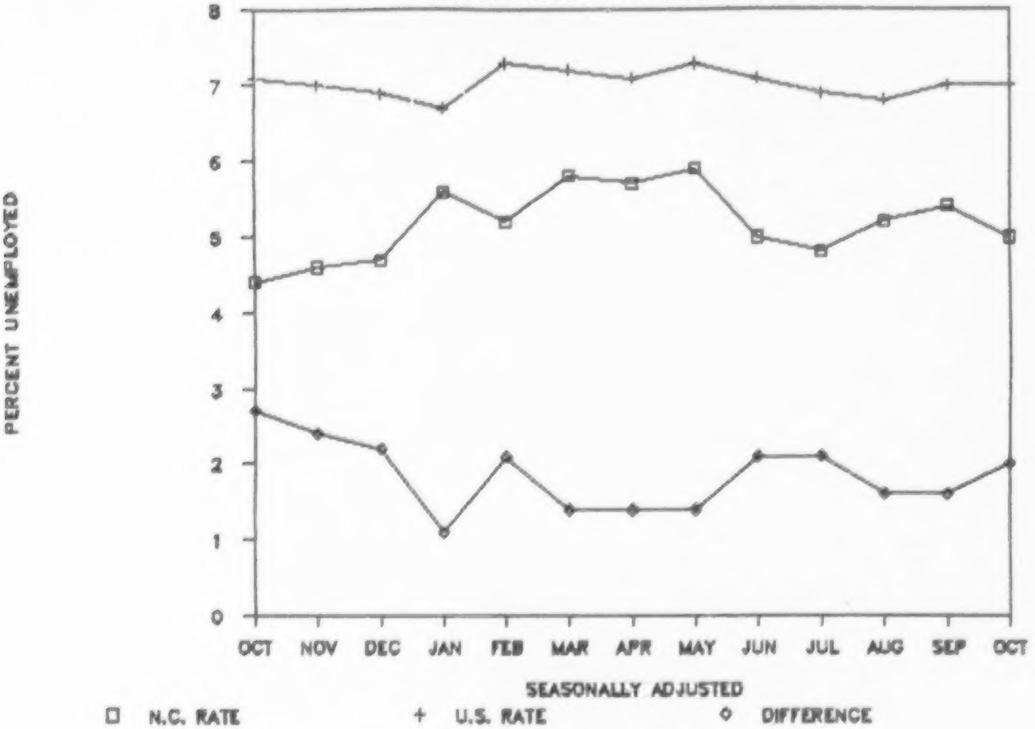
As of October 31, 1986, there were 184,342 active job applicants registered for work with local Job Service offices across the state, which represented a net over-the-month increase of 12,317 persons (+ 7.2 percent). The 22 to 39 age group was the largest applicant sector with 116,448 or 63.2 percent of the total. There were 32,653 registered applicants in the 40-54 age group which represented 17.7 percent of the total. The 55 and over age segment registered the fewest active applicants with 9,302 or just 5 percent of the total. Females comprised the majority of the active applicants with 51.3 percent or 94,539. Most of the active applicants were white (not Hispanic) with a count of 102,104 or 55.4 percent of the total. In October 1986, 1,282 applicants were placed in occupations which paid over $15,000 per year. The Greensboro Employment Security Commission office was first with 130, then came Charlotte with 110, Winston-Salem with 93, and Raleigh with 58. The following table provides additional information from North Carolina's active applicant file at the end of October of this year.

Statewide Active Applicant File
October 31, 1986

	Number	Percent
Total	184,342	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	25,939	14.1
22 - 39	116,448	63.2
40 - 54	32,653	17.7
55 and Over	9,302	5.0
Sex		
Male	89,803	48.7
Female	94,539	51.3
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	102,104	55.4
Black, not Hispanic	76,730	41.6
Hispanic	1,811	1.0
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,750	1.5
Other Races and Undetermined	947	0.5
Eligible Claimant	67,921	36.8
Veteran	33,801	18.3
Handicapped	12,373	6.7
Seasonal Farmworker	3,374	1.8
Welfare	20,936	11.4

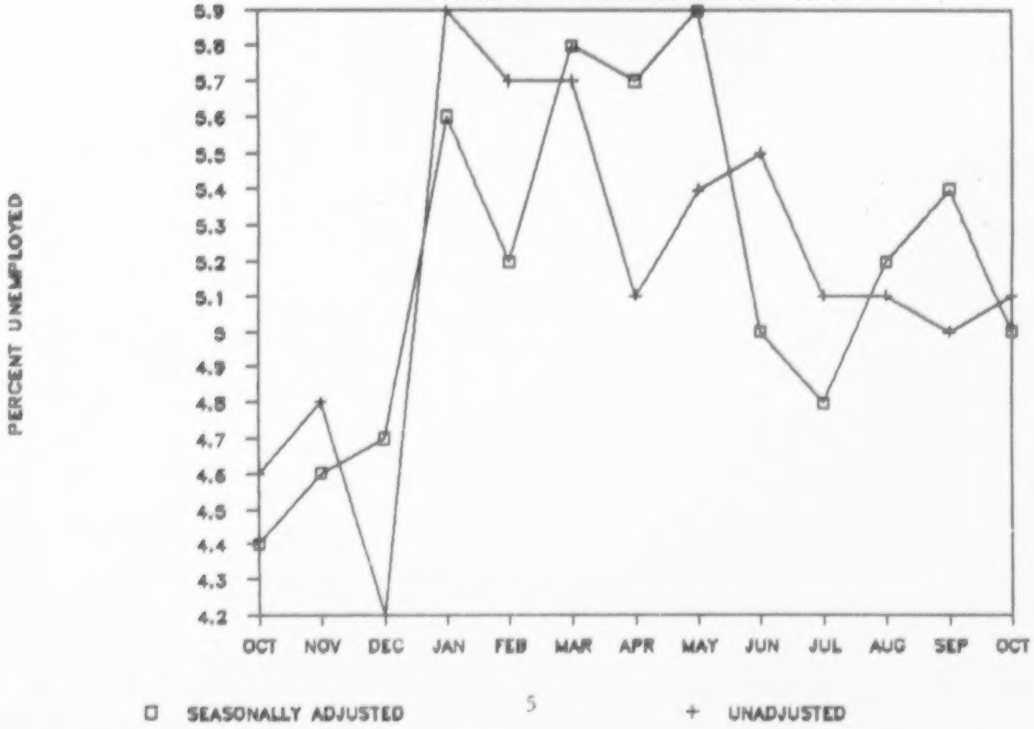
A COMPARISON: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

N.C. AND THE U.S. OCT 1985 - OCT 1986



NORTH CAROLINA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

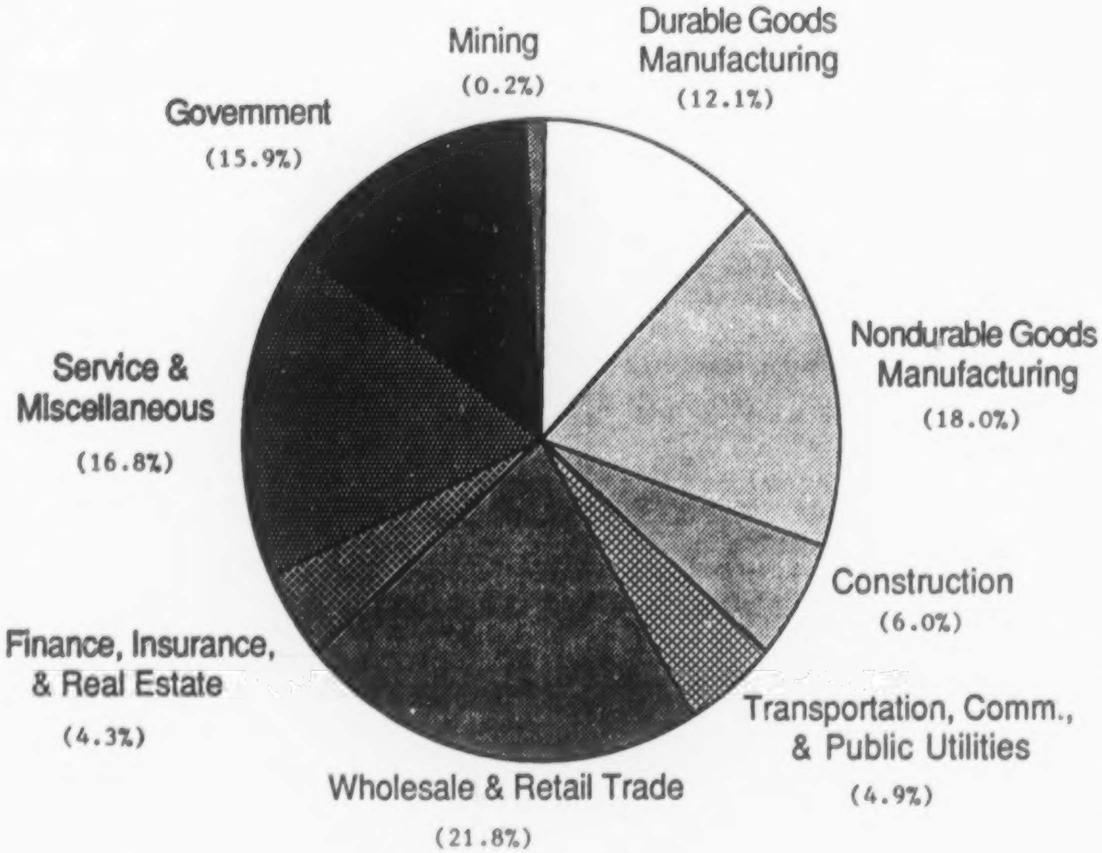
ADJUSTED AND UNADJUSTED: 10/85 - 10/86



COMPOSITION OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA

OCTOBER 1986

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL
INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

October, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Oct. 1986 (thous.)	Sept.* 1986 (thous.)	Oct.* 1985 (thous.)	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,772.0	2,752.7	2,692.3	+ 0.7	+ 3.0
MANUFACTURING	834.6	832.5	830.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
DURABLE GOODS	335.5	335.1	341.1	+ 0.1	- 1.6
Lumber & Wood Products	34.5	34.9	35.9	- 1.1	- 3.9
Sawmills & Planing Mills	11.2	11.4	12.0	- 1.8	- 6.7
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.1	8.3	8.4	- 2.4	- 3.6
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.4	5.3	5.4	+ 1.9	0
Furniture & Fixtures	86.1	85.4	85.0	+ 0.8	+ 1.3
Household Furniture	76.2	75.5	75.3	+ 0.9	+ 1.2
Wood Household Furniture	38.4	38.0	37.8	+ 1.1	+ 1.6
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.6	31.3	31.4	+ 1.0	+ 0.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	20.1	20.0	19.7	+ 0.5	+ 2.0
Structural Clay Products	2.8	2.8	2.7	0	+ 3.7
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.7	5.7	5.5	0	+ 3.6
Primary Metal Industries	10.0	10.0	10.6	0	- 5.7
Fabricated Metal Products	26.3	26.4	26.7	- 0.4	- 1.5
Fab. Structural Metal Products	7.6	7.7	8.6	- 1.3	- 11.6
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	54.7	54.9	56.7	- 0.4	- 3.5
Special Industry Machinery	7.2	7.1	6.9	+ 1.4	+ 4.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	62.8	62.7	66.1	+ 0.2	- 5.0
Household Appliances	6.8	6.6	5.6	+ 3.0	+ 21.4
Transportation Equipment	23.8	23.5	23.5	+ 1.3	+ 1.3
Other Durable Goods 2/	17.2	17.2	16.9	0	+ 1.8
NONDURABLE GOODS	499.1	497.5	489.2	+ 0.3	+ 2.0
Food & Kindred Products	48.8	48.5	46.9	+ 0.6	+ 4.1
Meat Products	21.5	21.3	19.8	+ 0.9	+ 8.6
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.5	2.3	0	+ 8.7
Dairy Products	3.2	3.2	3.0	0	+ 6.7
Grain Mill Products	2.3	2.4	2.4	- 4.2	- 4.2
Bakery Products	7.9	7.9	7.7	0	+ 2.6
Beverages	5.9	5.9	5.9	0	0
Tobacco Manufacturers	27.7	27.8	28.7	- 0.4	- 3.5
Cigarettes	20.1	20.2	20.4	- 0.5	- 1.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	7.1	7.0	7.9	+ 1.4	- 10.1
Textile Mill Products	209.8	209.3	206.2	+ 0.2	+ 1.7
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	52.2	51.9	54.8	+ 0.6	- 4.7
Weaving Mills, Cotton	27.1	27.0	29.1	+ 0.4	- 6.9
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.5	24.3	25.2	+ 0.8	- 2.8
Knitting Mills	77.4	77.6	75.2	- 0.3	+ 2.9
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.0	25.1	25.1	- 0.4	- 0.4
Hosiery, NEC	23.9	23.9	22.8	0	+ 4.8
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.4	13.5	12.6	- 0.7	+ 6.3
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.2	6.2	6.1	0	+ 1.6
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.9	14.8	14.4	+ 0.7	+ 3.5
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.6	50.4	48.0	+ 0.4	+ 5.4

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OR NORTH CAROLINA 1/

October, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Oct. 1986 (thous.)	Sept. * 1986 (thous.)	Oct.* 1985 (thous.)	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985
Apparel & Other Textile Products	91.1	90.4	88.1	+ 0.8	+ 3.4
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furn.	31.2	31.0	29.2	+ 0.6	+ 6.8
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	37.9	37.8	38.3	+ 0.3	- 1.0
Paper & Allied Products	22.2	22.2	22.3	0	- 0.4
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.5	10.5	10.6	0	- 0.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.8	7.8	7.9	0	- 1.3
Printing & Publishing	27.4	27.2	26.3	+ 0.7	+ 4.2
Newspapers	10.0	9.9	9.6	+ 1.0	+ 4.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.2	37.2	37.3	0	- 0.3
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.4	12.3	13.1	+ 0.8	- 5.3
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	30.4	30.2	28.9	+ 0.7	+ 5.2
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.6	4.4	- 2.2	+ 2.3
NONMANUFACTURING	1,937.5	1,920.2	1,862.0	+ 0.9	+ 4.1
MINING	4.7	4.7	4.8	0	- 2.1
CONSTRUCTION	165.8	165.5	155.3	+ 0.2	+ 6.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	135.6	135.3	131.0	+ 0.2	+ 3.5
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	74.1	73.9	71.4	+ 0.3	+ 3.8
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	57.1	56.8	54.8	+ 0.5	+ 4.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	607.3	604.8	585.0	+ 0.4	+ 3.8
Wholesale Trade	143.2	142.7	139.6	+ 0.4	+ 2.6
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	86.4	86.2	83.1	+ 0.2	+ 4.0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	56.8	56.4	56.5	+ 0.7	+ 0.5
Retail Trade	464.2	462.1	445.3	+ 0.5	+ 4.2
General Merchandise Stores	62.8	61.4	58.8	+ 2.3	+ 6.8
Food Stores	73.3	72.9	70.5	+ 0.5	+ 4.0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	118.1	117.5	110.8	+ 0.5	+ 6.6
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	465.2	459.9	438.2	+ 1.2	+ 6.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	29.6	29.3	27.3	+ 1.0	+ 8.4
Personal Services	28.2	28.3	27.1	- 0.4	+ 4.1
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.7	11.7	11.6	0	+ 0.9
Health Services	116.8	116.2	110.8	+ 0.5	+ 5.4
Hospitals	44.8	44.4	43.1	+ 0.9	+ 3.9
Legal Services	11.7	11.7	10.4	0	+ 12.5
Educational Services	35.3	32.0	34.1	+ 10.3	+ 3.5
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	440.8	432.5	437.0	+ 1.9	+ 0.9
Federal	52.1	52.3	52.1	- 0.4	0
State	129.7	123.4	129.7	+ 4.9	- 0.2
Education	69.3	63.4	69.3	+ 9.3	0
Other	60.0	60.1	60.4	- 0.2	- 0.7
Local	259.3	256.8	255.2	+ 1.0	+ 1.6
Education	138.3	135.1	137.5	+ 2.4	+ 0.6
Other	121.0	121.7	117.7	- 0.6	+ 2.8

1/ Current month data are preliminary. *Revised

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

Compiled by Labor Market Information Division in cooperation with USDOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

October 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	October 1986 (thous)	September* 1986 (thous)	October * 1985 (thous)	September 1986	October 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,743.0	2,728.4	2,662.6	+ 0.5	+ 3.0
MANUFACTURING	828.5	826.5	823.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
DURABLE GOODS	334.4	334.1	339.4	+ 0.1	- 1.5
Lumber & Wood Products	34.4	34.6	35.8	- 0.6	- 3.9
Sawmills & Planing Mills	11.2	11.3	12.0	- 0.9	- 6.7
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.1	8.3	8.4	- 2.4	- 3.6
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.4	5.2	5.4	+ 3.8	0
Furniture & Fixtures	85.8	85.7	84.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.9
Household Furniture	76.0	75.8	75.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.2
Wood Household Furniture	38.4	37.9	37.7	+ 1.3	+ 1.9
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.5	31.4	31.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.8	19.6	19.4	+ 1.0	+ 2.1
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 3.8
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.7	5.6	5.5	+ 1.8	+ 3.6
Primary Metal Industries	10.0	10.0	10.6	0	- 5.7
Fabricated Metal Products	26.1	26.2	26.5	- 0.4	- 1.5
Fab. Structural Metal Products	7.5	7.6	8.5	- 1.3	- 11.8
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	54.9	55.0	56.8	- 0.2	- 3.3
Special Industry Machinery	7.2	7.1	6.9	+ 1.4	+ 4.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	62.4	62.4	65.7	0	- 5.0
Household Appliances	6.3	6.1	5.2	+ 3.3	+ 21.2
Transportation Equipment	23.9	23.6	23.6	+ 1.3	+ 1.3
Other Durable Goods 2/	17.1	17.0	16.8	+ 0.6	+ 1.8
NONDURABLE GOODS	494.1	492.4	483.7	+ 0.3	+ 2.2
Food & Kindred Products	48.0	47.8	46.1	+ 0.4	+ 4.1
Meat Products	21.3	21.2	19.6	+ 0.5	+ 8.7
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.5	2.3	0	+ 8.7
Dairy Products	3.2	3.2	3.0	0	+ 6.7
Grain Mill Products	2.3	2.4	2.4	- 4.2	- 4.2
Bakery Products	7.9	7.9	7.7	0	+ 2.6
Beverages	6.0	5.9	6.0	+ 1.7	0
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.6	25.1	25.4	- 2.0	- 3.1
Cigarettes	20.3	20.5	20.6	- 1.0	- 1.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.1	4.2	4.5	- 2.4	- 8.9
Textile Mill Products	209.2	207.8	205.5	+ 0.7	+ 1.8
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	51.9	51.4	54.5	+ 1.0	- 4.8
Weaving Mills, Cotton	26.9	26.9	28.9	0	- 6.9
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.5	24.0	25.1	+ 2.1	- 2.4
Knitting Mills	77.4	77.0	75.2	+ 0.5	+ 2.9
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.1	25.0	25.2	+ 0.4	- 0.4
Hosiery, NEC	23.9	23.7	22.8	+ 0.8	+ 4.8
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.4	13.4	12.6	0	+ 6.3
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.2	6.2	6.1	0	+ 1.6
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.8	14.7	14.3	+ 0.7	+ 3.5
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.4	50.1	47.8	+ 0.6	+ 5.4

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OR NORTH CAROLINA 1/

October 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	October 1986 (thous)	September* 1986 (thous)	October* 1985 (thous)	September 1986	October 1985
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.0	89.7	87.0	+ 0.3	+ 3.3
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furn.	31.2	30.4	29.2	+ 2.6	+ 6.8
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	37.5	37.5	37.9	0	- 1.1
Paper & Allied Products	22.3	22.3	22.4	0	- 0.4
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.6	10.5	10.7	+ 1.0	- 0.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.7	7.8	7.8	- 1.3	- 1.3
Printing & Publishing	27.6	27.5	26.4	+ 0.4	+ 4.5
Newspapers	10.0	9.9	9.6	+ 1.0	+ 4.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.3	37.3	37.4	0	- 0.3
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.5	12.4	13.2	+ 0.8	- 5.3
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	30.6	30.3	29.1	+ 1.0	+ 5.2
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.6	4.4	- 2.2	+ 2.3
NONMANUFACTURING	1,914.5	1,901.9	1,839.5	+ 0.7	+ 4.1
MINING	4.7	4.7	4.8	0	- 2.1
CONSTRUCTION	162.2	161.1	152.0	+ 0.7	+ 6.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	134.9	134.4	130.3	+ 0.4	+ 3.5
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	73.1	73.0	70.4	+ 0.1	+ 3.8
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	57.3	57.0	55.0	+ 0.5	+ 4.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	601.8	599.9	579.3	+ 0.3	+ 3.9
Wholesale Trade	140.4	140.1	136.7	+ 0.2	+ 2.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	86.6	86.4	83.2	+ 0.2	+ 4.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	53.8	53.7	53.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Retail Trade	461.4	459.8	442.6	+ 0.3	+ 4.2
General Merchandise Stores	63.1	62.7	59.0	+ 0.6	+ 6.9
Food Stores	72.7	72.5	69.9	+ 0.3	+ 4.0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	118.1	117.1	110.8	+ 0.9	+ 6.6
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	463.3	455.3	436.5	+ 1.8	+ 6.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	28.7	28.0	26.4	+ 2.5	+ 8.7
Personal Services	28.6	28.8	27.5	- 0.7	+ 4.0
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.7	11.6	11.6	+ 0.9	+ 0.9
Health Services	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hospitals	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Legal Services	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Educational Services	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	429.5	429.4	425.8	+ 0.02	+ 0.9
Federal	52.2	52.4	52.2	- 0.4	0
State	125.1	125.4	125.5	- 0.2	- 0.3
Education	64.8	65.2	64.8	- 0.6	0
Other	60.3	60.2	60.7	+ 0.2	- 0.7
Local	252.2	251.6	248.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.7
Education	130.0	129.0	129.2	+ 0.8	+ 0.6
Other	122.2	122.6	118.9	- 0.3	+ 2.8

1/ Current month data are preliminary. *Revised

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

Compiled by Labor Market Information Division in cooperation with USDOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

October 1986

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	October 1986	September* 1986	October* 1985	September 1986	October 1985
MANUFACTURING	662.3	660.1	657.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.8
DURABLE GOODS	253.4	253.0	257.8	+ 0.2	- 1.7
Lumber & Wood Products	29.3	29.8	30.9	- 1.7	- 5.2
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.0	7.1	7.4	- 1.4	- 5.4
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.3	4.2	4.3	+ 2.4	0
Furniture & Fixtures	75.6	74.9	75.2	+ 0.9	+ 0.5
Household Furniture	67.4	66.7	67.2	+ 1.0	+ 0.3
Wood Household Furniture	34.9	34.7	34.7	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	16.2	16.1	16.0	+ 0.6	+ 1.2
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Primary Metal Industries	7.2	7.2	7.9	0	- 8.9
Fabricated Metal Products	19.5	19.6	19.9	- 0.5	- 2.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	28.0	28.0	28.4	0	- 1.4
Special Industry Machinery	4.8	4.8	4.7	0	+ 2.1
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	45.4	45.2	47.8	+ 0.4	- 5.0
Household Appliances	6.2	5.9	5.0	+ 5.1	+24.0
Transportation Equipment	19.3	19.1	18.9	+ 1.0	+ 2.1
NONDURABLE GOODS	408.8	407.1	399.3	+ 0.4	+ 2.4
Food & Kindred Products	34.9	34.7	33.0	+ 0.6	+ 5.8
Meat Products	19.1	19.0	17.5	+ 0.5	+ 9.1
Meat Packing	1.8	1.8	1.6	0	+12.5
Dairy Products	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	+ 6.7
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Bakery Products	4.4	4.4	4.3	0	+ 2.3
Beverages	2.4	2.3	2.4	+ 4.3	0
Tobacco Manufacturers	21.7	21.9	22.4	- 0.9	- 3.1
Cigarettes	15.5	15.6	16.1	- 0.6	- 3.7
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	5.8	5.7	5.9	+ 1.8	- 1.7
Textile Mill Products	185.8	185.2	182.1	+ 0.3	+ 2.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	46.3	46.0	48.3	+ 0.7	- 4.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton	23.8	23.8	25.4	0	- 6.3
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	22.0	21.7	22.4	+ 1.4	- 1.8
Knitting Mills	68.7	68.8	66.5	- 0.1	+ 3.3
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.4	22.4	22.6	0	- 0.9
Hosiery, NEC	21.6	21.5	20.7	+ 0.5	+ 4.3
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	11.5	11.6	10.6	- 0.9	+ 8.5
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.4	5.4	5.3	0	+ 1.9
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	12.6	12.4	12.1	+ 1.6	+ 4.1
Yarn & Thread Mills	45.9	45.8	43.7	+ 0.2	+ 5.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	79.7	79.0	77.2	+ 0.9	+ 3.2
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	27.2	27.0	25.8	+ 0.7	+ 5.4
Women's & Children's Garments	33.0	33.0	33.3	0	- 0.9
Paper & Allied Products	16.6	16.6	16.8	0	- 1.2
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.4	7.4	7.8	0	- 5.1
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.9	5.9	6.0	0	- 1.7
Printing & Publishing	16.9	16.7	16.4	+ 1.2	+ 3.0
Newspapers	3.8	3.7	3.6	+ 2.7	+ 5.6
Chemicals & Allied Products	24.5	24.5	24.2	0	+ 1.2
Plastic Materials & Synthetics	8.8	8.6	9.0	+ 2.3	- 2.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	24.9	24.7	23.5	+ 0.8	+ 6.0
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.8	3.8	3.6	0	+ 5.6

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products."

* Revised.

Compiled by the Labor Market Information Division in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

October 1986

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Oct. 1986	Sept.* 1986	Oct.* 1985	Oct. 1986	Sept.* 1986	Oct.* 1985	Oct. 1986	Sept.* 1986	Oct.* 1985
MANUFACTURING	$310.78	$312.77	$298.82	41.0	41.1	40.6	$ 7.58	$ 7.61	$ 7.36
DURABLE GOODS	325.07	327.51	309.61	41.2	41.3	40.9	7.89	7.93	7.57
Lumber & Wood Products	271.58	271.42	259.20	40.9	41.0	40.5	6.64	6.62	6.40
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	255.58	265.77	250.85	39.2	40.7	40.2	6.52	6.53	6.24
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	286.89	293.33	290.87	39.3	39.8	41.2	7.30	7.37	7.06
Furniture & Fixtures	280.40	276.41	265.86	40.0	39.6	39.8	7.01	6.98	6.68
Household Furniture	280.00	275.62	265.34	40.0	39.6	39.9	7.00	6.96	6.65
Wood Household Furniture	272.49	264.62	255.91	41.1	40.4	40.3	6.63	6.55	6.35
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	353.63	363.29	327.98	42.3	43.3	41.1	8.36	8.39	7.98
Structural Clay Products	304.48	305.96	257.28	44.0	44.6	39.4	6.92	6.86	6.53
Primary Metal Industries	375.53	365.66	368.06	42.1	41.6	42.6	8.92	8.79	8.64
Fabricated Metal Products	354.06	358.25	330.12	42.1	41.9	42.0	8.41	8.55	7.86
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	357.28	376.23	353.64	41.4	42.9	42.9	8.63	8.77	8.42
Special Industry Machinery	344.80	343.98	321.10	42.1	42.0	40.8	8.19	8.19	7.87
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	372.24	376.47	343.51	42.3	42.3	40.7	8.80	8.90	8.44
Household Appliances	286.02	283.80	299.88	45.4	44.0	44.1	6.30	6.45	6.80
Transportation Equipment	365.03	365.40	354.01	42.2	42.0	42.6	8.65	8.70	8.31
NONDURABLE GOODS	302.25	303.81	292.82	40.9	41.0	40.5	7.39	7.41	7.23
Food & Kindred Products	264.99	278.80	265.68	39.2	40.7	41.0	6.76	6.85	6.48
Meat Products	215.87	230.88	223.44	36.9	39.0	39.9	5.85	5.92	5.60
Meat Packing	379.29	364.78	339.89	47.0	46.0	43.8	8.07	7.93	7.76
Dairy Products	287.28	290.44	283.29	42.0	42.4	42.6	6.84	6.85	6.65
Grain Mill Products	309.54	324.56	307.74	42.0	43.8	43.9	7.37	7.41	7.01
Bakery Products	301.02	322.18	294.69	40.9	42.9	41.1	7.36	7.51	7.17
Beverages	509.44	501.59	503.71	43.1	42.4	43.2	11.82	11.83	11.66
Tobacco Manufacturers	480.03	479.62	459.22	38.9	38.4	38.3	12.34	12.49	11.99
Cigarettes	574.39	574.51	552.55	36.4	36.5	36.4	15.78	15.74	15.18
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	240.77	234.03	214.02	45.6	43.5	43.5	5.28	5.38	4.92
Textile Mill Products	284.01	284.18	267.73	42.2	42.1	41.0	6.73	6.75	6.53
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	327.56	329.30	297.36	43.5	43.5	41.3	7.53	7.57	7.20
Weaving Mills, Cotton	333.41	338.00	299.06	43.3	43.5	40.8	7.70	7.77	7.33
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	321.93	319.29	294.69	43.8	43.5	41.8	7.35	7.34	7.05
Knitting Mills	249.46	247.33	239.55	40.3	39.7	39.4	6.19	6.23	6.08
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	239.59	231.87	227.46	40.2	38.2	38.1	5.96	6.07	5.97
Hosiery, NEC	234.47	233.17	229.85	38.5	38.1	38.5	6.09	6.12	5.97
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	281.82	287.43	266.62	42.0	42.9	41.4	6.71	6.70	6.44
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	302.77	294.69	306.61	44.2	43.4	45.9	6.85	6.79	6.68
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	301.80	304.23	298.85	43.3	43.4	43.5	6.97	7.01	6.87
Yarn & Thread Mills	281.65	285.14	264.18	43.0	43.6	42.0	6.55	6.54	6.29
Apparel & Other Textile Products	202.37	202.22	197.11	38.4	38.3	38.2	5.27	5.28	5.16
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	198.49	199.43	190.25	37.1	37.0	36.1	5.35	5.39	5.27
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	185.60	185.60	186.73	37.8	37.8	38.5	4.91	4.91	4.85
Paper & Allied Products	517.56	513.28	510.03	45.4	46.2	44.7	11.40	11.11	11.41
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	699.72	665.99	651.49	47.6	47.2	45.4	14.70	14.11	14.32
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	384.93	393.23	366.99	45.5	46.1	44.7	8.46	8.53	8.21
Printing & Publishing	340.56	349.87	338.98	38.7	39.4	39.6	8.80	8.88	8.56
Newspapers	278.89	274.56	281.39	33.4	33.0	34.4	8.35	8.32	8.18
Chemicals & Allied Products	419.20	416.90	402.55	41.3	41.4	41.5	10.15	10.07	9.70
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	464.28	462.93	446.48	42.4	42.2	42.2	10.95	10.97	10.58
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	376.41	376.74	377.24	41.5	41.4	41.5	9.07	9.10	9.09
MINING	366.46	365.40	380.23	44.8	45.0	47.0	8.18	8.12	8.09
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	503.37	500.49	491.42	42.3	42.2	42.4	11.90	11.86	11.59
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	206.66	207.62	199.80	32.7	32.8	32.7	6.32	6.33	6.11
Wholesale Trade	327.95	325.9	305.35	39.8	39.9	39.3	8.24	8.15	7.77
Retail Trade	172.53	174.89	170.02	30.7	30.9	30.8	5.62	5.66	5.52
General Merchandise Stores	163.56	163.87	155.27	28.2	28.8	28.7	5.80	5.69	5.41
Food Stores	185.65	188.68	183.54	32.4	32.7	32.2	5.73	5.77	5.70
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	146.33	142.58	140.22	31.2	30.4	31.3	4.69	4.69	4.48
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	201.29	196.42	198.92	35.5	35.2	36.3	5.67	5.58	5.48

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

*Revised

Compiled by the Labor Market Information Division in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

1/21/87 S5925-5A

State Labor Summary

NORTH CAROLINA

November 1986

Employment Security Commission
of North Carolina
Labor Market Information Division

For more information regarding Labor Market Information, you may contact:

Labor Market Information Division
Employment Security Commission of North Carolina
700 Wade Avenue
Post Office Box 25903
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

Telephone: (919) 733-2936

NORTH CAROLINA
STATE LABOR SUMMARY
November 1986

Total Employment Declines Over The Month

As of the middle of November of 1986, total employment (not seasonally adjusted) in the state was estimated to be 3,021,000, a net-over-the month decrease of 16,200 people (-0.5 percent). For the same period, North Carolina's seasonally adjusted total employment was estimated to be 3,017,000, a net monthly drop of 18,000 workers (-0.6 percent).

Manufacturing Employment Climbs Monthly And Annually

In the middle of November 1986, North Carolina's manufacturing employment by place of work was estimated to be 834,200, a small net over-the-month gain of 1,200 people (+0.1 percent). The durable goods sector was responsible for all of that growth with a net monthly increase of 1,500 workers (+0.4 percent). Employment growths were greatest in furniture and fixtures (+700; +0.8 percent), all in household furniture, and transportation equipment (+500; +2.1 percent). Employment in the nondurable goods sector fell by 300 persons (-0.1 percent) over the monthly due primarily to the anticipated seasonal reduction of 1,100 workers (-4 percent) in tobacco manufacturing as a cutback of 1,300 workers was noted in stemming and redrying. Textile mill products employment, however, advanced by 900 people (+0.4 percent) as weaving mills (+500), knitting mills (+100), and yarn mills (+300) saw a growth in employment. Over the past twelve months, manufacturing employment increased by 5,800 workers (+0.7 percent).

Nonmanufacturing Employment Increases Over The Month And Year

The state's nonmanufacturing employment by place of work was estimated to be 1,943,800 in the middle of November 1986, representing net monthly growth of 8,300 people (+0.4 percent). The trade industry experienced the largest over-the-month gain of (+7,000; +1.2 percent) with wholesale up by 500 and retail up by 6,500, due to the holiday selling season. Government employment rose by 4,300 workers (+1 percent) over the month as federal (+200), state (+2,600), and local (+1,500) experienced growth. Since November of 1985, nonmanufacturing employment has added 73,000 persons (+3.9 percent), which was more than twelve times the net annual gain in manufacturing.

Total Unemployment Climbs In November

North Carolina's total unemployment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 173,100 in mid-November 1986, a net monthly increase of 10,600 people (+6.5 percent). As a result, the unadjusted rate of unemployment rose from 5.1 percent in October, 1986 to 5.4 percent in November. Statewide sasonally adjusted total unemployment was estimated to be 172,000 as of the middle of November, a net over-the-month rise of 11,000 persons (+6.8 percent), and the seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment advanced from 5 percent in October to 5.4 percent in November. The unadjusted rate of unemployment for the nation stayed at 6.6 percent over the month. The seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment for the United States remained at 7 percent from October to November 1986.

North Carolina Civilian Labor Force 1/

	November 1986	October 1986	November 1985 2/
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,194,100	3,199,700	3,190,500
Employment	3,021,000	3,037,200	3,037,500
Unemployment	173,100	162,500	153,000
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.1	4.8
(Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,189,000	3,196,000	3,195,000
Employment	3,017,000	3,035,000	3,048,000
Unemployment	172,000	161,000	147,000
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.0	4.6
National Rate (Unadjusted)	6.6	6.6	6.7
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.0	7.0	7.0

1/ Data compiled by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
2/ Revised.

Both Average Hourly Earnings And Average Weekly Hours Rise

The average hourly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production employees rose by 4¢ an hour (+0.5 percent) to $7.64 from the middle of October to the middle of November 1986. The earnings of durable goods workers increased as well over the month, up by 3¢ an hour (+0.4 percent) to reach $7.94. Employees in the primary metals industry group continued to gain ground with a net over-the-month surge of 12¢ an hour (+1.3 percent) to hit $9.04 in November 1986. Workers in fabricated metals and electrical machinery enjoyed a net monthly increase of 4¢ an hour to rise to $8.56 and $8.86, respectively. The earnings of employees in the nondurable goods segment grew also, up by 5¢ an hour (+0.7 percent) over the month to $7.45. Tobacco manufacturing workers led the way with a net monthly gain of 70¢ an hour (+5.7 percent) to climb to $13.08 in November. Employees in the rubber industry enjoyed a net over-the-month increase of 14¢ an hour (+1.5 percent) and hourly earnings rose to $9.27. From mid-October to mid-November 1986, the average weekly earnings of the state's manufacturing production workers grew by $3.93 (+1.3 percent) to $315.53. Average weekly hours increased by 0.3 of an hour to 41.3 from October to November 1986.

Most Job Openings Filled In November

There were 17,402 job openings received by the local Job Service offices across the state during November 1986, a decrease of 8,473 (-32.7 percent) since October. Almost 80 percent of the openings (13,911 or 79.9 percent) were filled. Service occupations registered the largest number of job openings received in November with 3,323. More than half (56.4 percent or 1,875) of those were filled. The miscellaneous sector followed with 2,788 openings received and 2,422 or 86.9 percent filled. Close behind, openings received for farming, fishing, and forestry occupations numbered 2,524 in November, and 2,430 or 96.3 percent were filled. Processing had the fewest job openings received during the month (570); however, all of them were filled. From July 1, 1986, through November 30, 1986, a total of 135,831 job openings had been received by local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina, and over three-fourths were filled (106,997). At the end of November 1986, there were 16,208 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file with 10,205 (63 percent) classified as hard to fill. A job is classified as hard to fill when it has been open for 30 days or more. The following table provides additional information from the state's job openings file for November 1986, and for the fiscal year to date (July 1, 1986, through November 30, 1986).

Statewide Job Openings Data

Occupation	November 1986		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) as of Nov. 30, 1986	
	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	731	313	5,089	2,374	1,485	1,010
Clerical	1,644	1,202	13,147	8,543	2,068	1,248
Sales	870	694	5,052	2,909	1,155	736
Service	3,323	1,875	20,176	13,914	3,907	2,084
Domestic	185	152	1,218	942	121	91
Other Services	3,138	1,723	18,958	12,972	3,786	1,993
Farm., Fish., and Forest.	2,524	2,430	30,157	29,519	213	112
Processing	570	652	6,046	5,292	523	401
Machine Trades	1,186	1,098	9,442	7,370	1,317	944
Bench Work	1,655	1,698	11,501	10,078	1,364	938
Structural Work	2,111	1,527	15,088	10,936	2,295	1,483
Miscellaneous	2,788	2,422	20,133	16,062	1,881	1,249
Motor Freight and Transp.	569	315	4,106	1,687	692	428
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	2,174	2,079	15,688	14,174	1,139	791
Other	45	28	339	201	50	30
Total	17,402	13,911	135,831	106,997	16,208	10,205

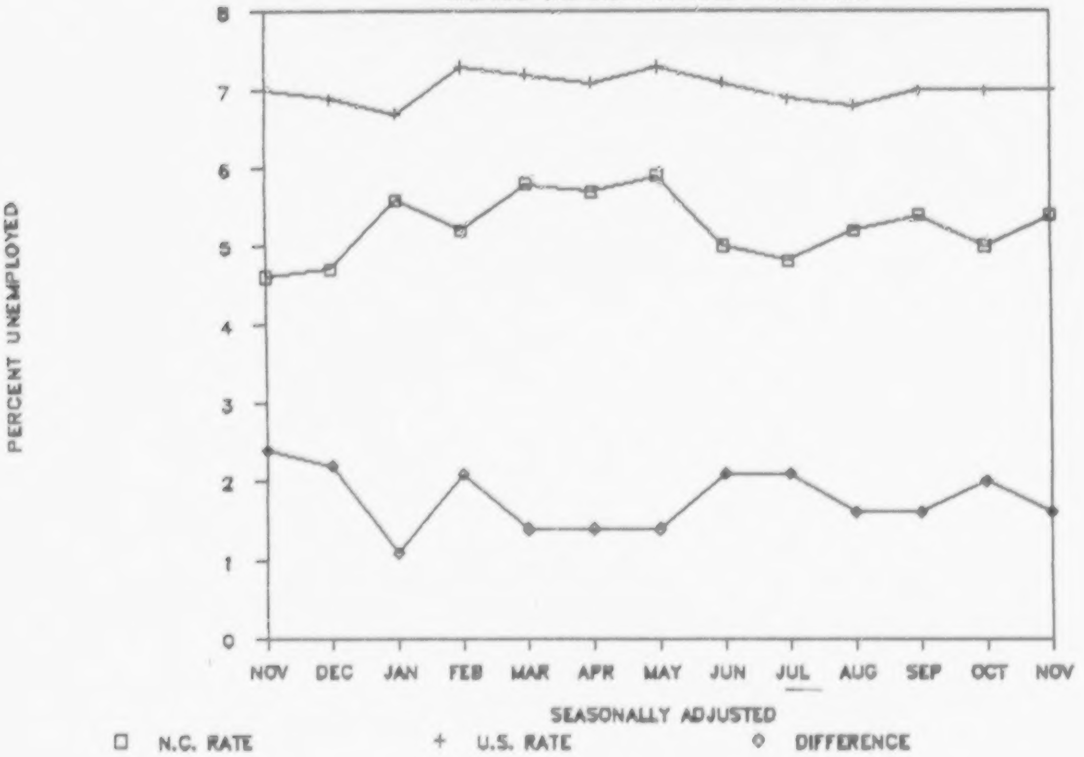
1/ July 1, 1986, through November 30, 1986.

The Number Of Job Applicants Decreases

There were 173,836 active job applicants registered for work with local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina at the end of November 1986, which was a net monthly decline of 10,506 people (-5.7 percent). The largest applicant segment by age was the 22 to 39 segment which had 109,568 or 63.1 percent of the total. The 40-54 age sector followed with 31,344 or 18 percent. The smallest number of active applicants was seen in the 55 and over age group with 9,213 or only 5.3 percent of the total. Most of the active applicants were females (87,619 or 50.4 percent). The majority of the active applicants were white (not Hispanic), numbering 96,417 or 55.4 percent of the total. There were 880 applicants who were placed in jobs which paid more than $15,000 a year during the month of November. Of that total, the Greensboro Job Service office again led the way with 112; Raleigh had 53, Asheville had 52, and Winston-Salem had 49. The next table gives more data from the statewide active applicant file as of November 30, 1986.

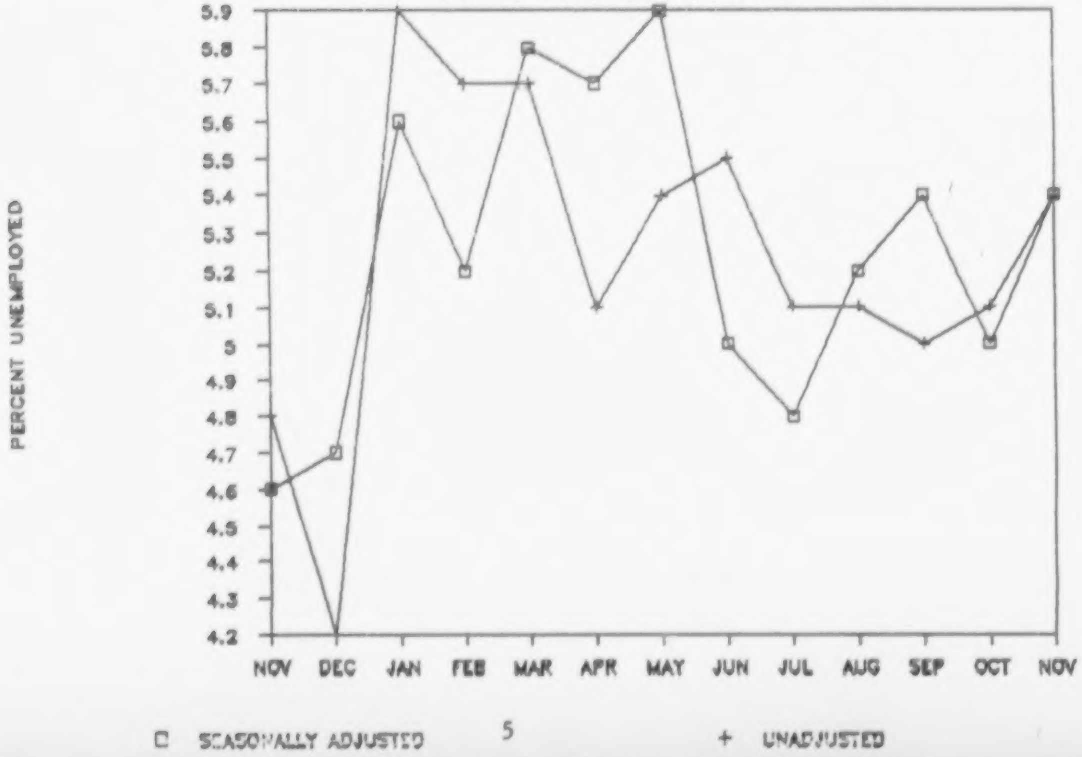
Statewide Active Applicant File
November 30, 1986

	Number	Percent
Total	173,836	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	23,711	13.6
22 - 39	109,568	63.1
40 - 54	31,344	18.0
55 and Over	9,213	5.3
Sex		
Male	86,217	49.6
Female	87,619	50.4
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	96,417	55.4
Black, not Hispanic	72,509	41.7
Hispanic	1,486	0.9
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,595	1.5
Other Races and Undetermined	829	0.5
Eligible Claimant	68,797	39.6
Veteran	33,888	19.5
Handicapped	12,104	7.0
Seasonal Farmworker	2,563	1.5
Welfare	20,868	12.0



A COMPARISON: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

N.C. AND THE U.S. NOV 1985 – NOV 1986



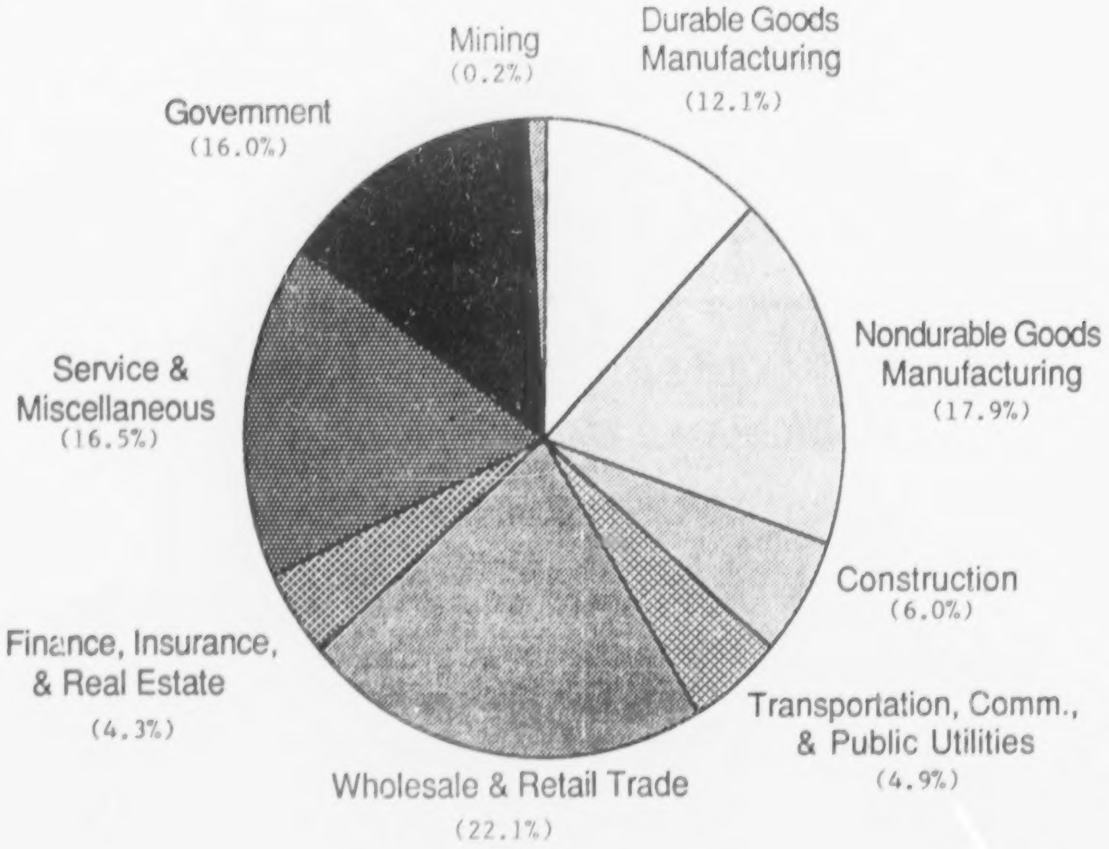
NORTH CAROLINA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

ADJUSTED AND UNADJUSTED: 11/85 – 11/86

COMPOSITION OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA

November 1986

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

November 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Nov. 1986 (thous.)	Oct. * 1986 (thous.)	Nov. * 1985 (thous.)	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,778.6	2,769.0	2,699.8	+ 0.3	+ 2.9
MANUFACTURING	834.8	833.6	829.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
DURABLE GOODS	336.3	334.8	340.8	+ 0.4	- 1.3
Lumber & Wood Products	34.7	34.6	35.8	+ 0.3	- 3.1
Sawmills & Planing Mills	11.4	11.2	11.8	+ 1.8	- 3.4
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.0	8.2	8.4	- 2.4	- 4.8
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.3	5.4	5.5	- 1.9	- 3.6
Furniture & Fixtures	86.7	86.0	85.4	+ 0.8	+ 1.5
Household Furniture	76.8	76.1	75.7	+ 0.9	+ 1.5
Wood Household Furniture	38.6	38.2	37.9	+ 1.0	+ 1.8
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.8	31.6	31.4	+ 0.6	+ 1.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	20.2	20.0	19.5	+ 1.0	+ 3.6
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.8	2.6	- 3.6	+ 3.8
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.8	5.7	5.6	+ 1.8	+ 3.6
Primary Metal Industries	10.0	10.1	10.6	- 1.0	- 5.7
Fabricated Metal Products	26.3	26.1	26.8	+ 0.8	- 1.9
Fab. Structural Metal Products	7.7	7.7	8.5	0	- 9.4
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	54.4	54.7	56.6	- 0.5	- 3.9
Special Industry Machinery	7.4	7.2	6.9	+ 2.8	+ 7.2
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	62.7	62.5	65.7	+ 0.3	- 4.6
Household Appliances	6.8	6.7	5.7	+ 1.5	+ 19.3
Transportation Equipment	24.2	23.7	23.4	+ 2.1	+ 3.4
Other Durable Goods 2/	16.9	17.1	16.9	- 1.2	0
NONDURABLE GOODS	498.5	498.8	488.2	- 0.1	+ 2.1
Food & Kindred Products	48.1	48.5	46.9	- 0.8	+ 2.6
Meat Products	21.4	21.5	20.3	- 0.5	+ 5.4
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 3.8
Dairy Products	3.1	3.2	3.0	- 3.1	+ 3.3
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.3	2.5	+ 4.3	- 4.0
Bakery Products	8.0	7.9	7.8	+ 1.3	+ 2.6
Beverages	5.7	5.9	5.8	- 3.4	- 1.7
Tobacco Manufacturers	26.5	27.6	27.1	- 4.0	- 2.2
Cigarettes	20.3	20.1	20.5	+ 1.0	- 1.0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	5.6	6.9	6.2	- 18.8	- 9.7
Textile Mill Products	211.0	210.1	206.0	+ 0.4	+ 2.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	52.7	52.2	54.9	+ 1.0	- 4.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton	27.6	27.2	29.0	+ 1.5	- 4.8
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.4	24.4	25.3	0	- 3.6
Knitting Mills	77.7	77.6	74.7	+ 0.1	+ 4.0
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.4	25.1	25.1	+ 1.2	+ 1.2
Hosiery, NEC	24.1	23.9	22.7	+ 0.8	+ 6.2
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.3	13.4	12.5	- 0.7	+ 6.4
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.3	6.2	6.0	+ 1.6	+ 5.0
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.9	14.9	14.6	0	+ 2.1
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.9	50.6	47.9	+ 0.6	+ 6.3

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OR NORTH CAROLINA 1/

November 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT Nov. 1986 (thous.)	Oct. * 1986 (thous.)	Nov. * 1985 (thous.)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM: Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.9	91.0	88.9	- 0.1	+ 2.2
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furn.	31.3	31.3	29.7	0	+ 5.4
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	37.3	37.7	38.5	- 1.1	- 3.1
Paper & Allied Products	22.2	22.3	22.4	- 0.4	- 0.9
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.5	10.5	10.6	0	- 0.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.7	7.8	7.9	- 1.3	- 2.5
Printing & Publishing	27.6	27.4	26.6	+ 0.7	+ 3.8
Newspapers	10.1	10.0	9.8	+ 1.0	+ 3.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.0	37.0	36.8	0	+ 0.5
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.6	12.3	12.8	+ 2.4	- 1.6
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	30.7	30.4	29.1	+ 1.0	+ 5.5
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.4	4.5	4.4	- 2.2	0
NONMANUFACTURING	1943.8	1935.5	1870.8	+ 0.4	+ 3.9
MINING	4.7	4.7	4.7	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	165.4	165.6	155.6	- 0.1	+ 6.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	136.0	136.1	130.3	- 0.1	+ 4.4
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	74.5	74.6	71.0	- 0.1	+ 4.9
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	57.1	57.0	54.7	+ 0.2	+ 4.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	614.3	607.3	590.4	+ 1.2	+ 4.0
Wholesale Trade	143.7	143.2	138.4	+ 0.3	+ 3.8
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	87.4	86.4	83.4	+ 1.2	+ 4.8
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	56.3	56.7	55.0	- 0.7	+ 2.4
Retail Trade	470.6	464.1	452.0	+ 1.4	+ 4.1
General Merchandise Stores	65.9	62.5	62.5	+ 5.4	+ 5.4
Food Stores	73.7	73.3	71.0	+ 0.5	+ 3.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	118.4	117.9	111.1	+ 0.4	+ 6.6
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	459.8	463.0	437.7	- 0.7	+ 5.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	29.1	29.5	26.3	- 1.4	+ 10.6
Personal Services	28.5	28.2	27.3	+ 1.1	+ 4.4
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.7	11.7	11.6	0	+ 0.9
Health Services	117.1	116.8	110.9	+ 0.3	+ 5.6
Hospitals	44.9	44.8	43.2	+ 0.2	+ 3.9
Legal Services	11.8	11.7	10.4	+ 0.9	+ 13.5
Educational Services	35.8	35.5	35.4	+ 1.4	+ 1.1
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	445.1	440.8	440.9	+ 1.0	+ 1.0
Federal	52.5	52.3	52.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
State	131.8	129.2	132.5	+ 2.0	- 0.5
Education	71.6	69.2	72.6	+ 3.5	- 1.4
Other	60.2	60.0	59.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
Local	260.8	259.3	256.1	+ 0.6	+ 1.8
Education	139.3	138.3	137.4	+ 0.7	+ 1.4
Other	121.5	121.0	118.7	+ 0.4	+ 2.4

1/ Current month data are preliminary. * Revised

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

Compiled by Labor Market Information Division in cooperation with USDOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

November 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	November 1986 (thous)	October * 1986 (thous)	November * 1985 (thous)	October 1986	November 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,756.1	2,739.9	2,677.3	+ 0.6	+ 2.9
MANUFACTURING	832.3	827.5	826.7	+ 0.6	+ 0.7
DURABLE GOODS	335.0	333.7	339.8	+ 0.4	- 1.4
Lumber & Wood Products	34.8	34.5	35.9	+ 0.9	- 3.1
Sawmills & Planing Mills	11.5	11.2	11.9	+ 2.7	- 3.4
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.0	8.2	8.4	- 2.4	- 4.8
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.4	5.4	5.6	0	- 3.6
Furniture & Fixtures	86.0	85.7	85.0	+ 0.4	+ 1.2
Household Furniture	76.1	75.9	75.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.5
Wood Household Furniture	38.6	38.2	37.9	+ 1.0	+ 1.8
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.6	31.5	31.2	+ 0.3	+ 1.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	20.1	19.7	19.4	+ 2.0	+ 3.6
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 3.8
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.8	5.7	5.6	+ 1.8	+ 3.6
Primary Metal Industries	10.0	10.1	10.6	- 1.0	- 5.7
Fabricated Metal Products	26.1	25.9	26.6	+ 0.8	- 1.9
Fab. Structural Metal Products	7.7	7.6	8.5	+ 1.3	- 9.4
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	54.4	54.9	56.6	- 0.9	- 3.9
Special Industry Machinery	7.4	7.2	6.9	+ 2.8	+ 7.2
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	62.3	62.1	65.3	+ 0.3	- 4.6
Household Appliances	6.3	6.2	5.3	+ 1.6	+ 18.9
Transportation Equipment	24.6	23.8	23.7	+ 3.4	+ 3.8
Other Durable Goods 2/	16.7	17.0	16.7	- 1.8	0
NONDURABLE GOODS	497.3	493.8	486.9	+ 0.7	+ 2.1
Food & Kindred Products	47.8	47.7	46.6	+ 0.2	+ 2.6
Meat Products	21.3	21.3	20.2	0	+ 5.4
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 3.8
Dairy Products	3.1	3.2	3.0	- 3.1	+ 3.3
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.3	2.5	+ 4.3	- 4.0
Bakery Products	7.9	7.9	7.7	0	+ 2.6
Beverages	5.8	6.0	5.9	- 3.3	- 1.7
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.2	24.5	25.8	+ 2.9	- 2.3
Cigarettes	20.2	20.3	20.4	- 0.5	- 1.0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.3	4.0	4.8	+ 7.5	- 10.4
Textile Mill Products	211.6	209.5	206.4	+ 1.0	+ 2.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	52.5	51.9	54.7	+ 1.2	- 4.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton	27.3	27.0	28.7	+ 1.1	- 4.9
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.5	24.4	25.4	+ 0.4	- 3.5
Knitting Mills	78.2	77.6	75.1	+ 0.8	+ 4.1
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.5	25.2	25.2	+ 1.2	+ 1.2
Hosiery, NEC	24.2	23.9	22.8	+ 1.2	+ 6.1
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.4	13.4	12.6	0	+ 6.3
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.4	6.2	6.1	+ 3.2	+ 4.9
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.8	14.8	14.5	0	+ 2.1
Yarn & Thread Mills	51.2	50.4	48.1	+ 1.6	+ 6.4

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OR NORTH CAROLINA 1/

November 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	November 1986 (thous)	October * 1986 (thous)	November * 1985 (thous)	October 1986	November 1985
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.3	89.9	88.3	+ 0.4	+ 2.3
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furn.	31.3	31.3	29.6	0	+ 5.7
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	37.0	37.3	38.2	- 0.8	- 3.1
Paper & Allied Products	22.2	22.4	22.4	- 0.9	- 0.9
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.6	10.6	10.7	0	- 0.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.6	7.7	7.8	- 1.3	- 2.6
Printing & Publishing	27.5	27.6	26.5	- 0.4	+ 3.8
Newspapers	10.1	10.0	9.8	+ 1.0	+ 3.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.3	37.1	37.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.8	12.4	13.0	+ 3.2	- 1.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	31.0	30.6	29.4	+ 1.3	+ 5.4
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.4	4.5	4.4	- 2.2	0
NONMANUFACTURING	1,923.8	1,912.4	1,850.6	+ 0.6	+ 4.0
MINING	4.7	4.7	4.7	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	163.8	162.0	154.0	+ 1.1	+ 9.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	135.9	135.4	130.2	+ 0.4	+ 4.4
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	74.3	73.6	70.8	+ 1.0	+ 4.9
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	57.2	57.2	54.8	0	+ 4.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	607.5	601.6	583.6	+ 1.0	+ 4.1
Wholesale Trade	142.9	140.3	137.6	+ 1.9	+ 3.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	87.3	86.6	83.3	+ 0.8	+ 4.8
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	55.6	53.7	54.3	+ 3.5	+ 2.4
Retail Trade	464.6	461.3	446.0	+ 0.7	+ 4.2
General Merchandise Stores	62.5	62.8	59.3	- 0.5	+ 5.4
Food Stores	73.2	72.7	70.5	+ 0.7	+ 3.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	118.6	117.9	111.3	+ 0.6	+ 6.6
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	462.6	461.2	440.3	+ 0.3	+ 5.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	29.4	28.6	26.6	+ 2.8	+ 10.5
Personal Services	28.9	28.6	27.7	+ 1.0	+ 4.3
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.6	11.7	11.5	- 0.9	+ 0.9
Health Services	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hospitals	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Legal Services	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Educational Services	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	430.7	429.6	426.5	+ 0.3	+ 1.0
Federal	52.6	52.4	52.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
State	125.0	125.0	125.6	0	- 0.5
Education	64.1	64.7	65.0	- 0.9	- 1.4
Other	60.9	60.3	60.6	+ 1.0	+ 0.5
Local	253.1	252.2	248.6	+ 0.4	+ 1.8
Education	130.9	130.0	129.1	+ 0.7	+ 1.4
Other	122.2	122.2	119.5	0	+ 2.3

1/ Current month data are preliminary. *Revised.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

Compiled by Labor Market Information Division in cooperation with USDOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

November 1986

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	November 1986	October * 1986	November * 1985	October 1986	November 1985
MANUFACTURING	662.0	661.2	656.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
DURABLE GOODS	253.6	252.7	257.5	+ 0.4	- 1.5
Lumber & Wood Products	29.6	29.5	30.7	+ 0.3	- 3.6
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	6.8	7.0	7.4	- 2.9	- 8.1
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.3	4.3	4.4	0	- 2.3
Furniture & Fixtures	76.0	75.4	75.6	+ 0.8	+ 0.5
Household Furniture	67.8	67.2	67.4	+ 0.9	+ 0.6
Wood Household Furniture	35.1	34.8	34.8	+ 0.9	+ 0.9
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	16.4	16.2	15.9	+ 1.2	+ 3.1
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 4.8
Primary Metal Industries	7.2	7.2	7.9	0	- 8.9
Fabricated Metal Products	19.6	19.4	20.0	+ 1.0	- 2.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	27.2	27.7	28.3	- 1.8	- 3.9
Special Industry Machinery	5.0	4.8	4.7	+ 4.2	+ 6.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	45.2	45.1	47.5	+ 0.2	- 4.8
Household Appliances	6.1	6.1	5.0	0	+ 22.0
Transportation Equipment	19.7	19.2	18.8	+ 2.6	+ 4.8
NONDURABLE GOODS	408.4	408.5	398.6	**	+ 2.5
Food & Kindred Products	34.2	34.6	33.1	- 1.2	+ 3.3
Meat Products	18.8	19.1	17.9	- 1.6	+ 5.0
Meat Packing	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 5.3
Dairy Products	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	+ 6.7
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Bakery Products	4.5	4.4	4.4	+ 2.3	+ 2.3
Beverages	2.3	2.4	2.4	- 4.2	- 4.2
Tobacco Manufacturers	20.8	21.6	21.0	- 3.7	- 1.0
Cigarettes	15.7	15.5	16.1	+ 1.3	- 2.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.5	5.7	4.5	- 21.1	0
Textile Mill Products	186.7	185.9	181.9	+ 0.4	+ 2.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	46.7	46.3	48.3	+ 0.9	- 3.3
Weaving Mills, Cotton	24.3	23.9	25.3	+ 1.7	- 4.0
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	21.9	21.9	22.6	0	- 3.1
Knitting Mills	68.9	68.8	66.1	+ 0.1	+ 4.2
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.5	22.4	22.5	+ 0.4	0
Hosiery, NEC	21.7	21.6	20.6	+ 0.5	+ 5.3
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	11.5	11.6	10.6	- 0.9	+ 8.5
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.5	5.5	5.2	0	+ 5.8
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	12.6	12.5	12.2	+ 0.8	+ 3.3
Yarn & Thread Mills	46.2	45.9	43.7	+ 0.7	+ 5.7
Apparel & Other Textile Products	79.9	79.7	78.0	+ 0.3	+ 2.4
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	27.3	27.2	26.2	+ 0.4	+ 4.2
Women's & Children's Garments	32.8	33.0	33.5	- 0.6	- 2.1
Paper & Allied Products	16.6	16.6	16.9	0	- 1.8
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.4	7.4	7.8	0	- 5.1
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.9	5.9	6.0	0	- 1.7
Printing & Publishing	17.1	17.0	16.5	+ 0.6	+ 3.6
Newspapers	3.9	3.8	3.7	+ 2.6	+ 5.4
Chemicals & Allied Products	24.3	24.3	23.8	0	+ 2.1
Plastic Materials & Synthetics	8.8	8.7	8.8	+ 1.1	0
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	25.1	24.8	23.7	+ 1.2	+ 5.9
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.8	3.8	3.6	0	+ 5.6

1/ Current data are preliminary. Compiled by the Labor Market Information Division in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products."

*Revised. ** Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

November 1986

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Nov. 1986	Oct. * 1986	Nov. * 1985	Nov. 1986	Oct. * 1986	Nov. * 1985	Nov. 1986	Oct.* 1986	Nov. * 1985
MANUFACTURING	$315.53	$311.60	$299.15	41.3	41.0	40.7	$ 7.64	$ 7.60	$ 7.35
DURABLE GOODS	327.92	325.89	308.25	41.3	41.2	41.1	7.94	7.91	7.50
Lumber & Wood Products	271.73	271.99	261.39	40.8	40.9	40.4	6.66	6.65	6.47
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	270.50	263.20	254.06	40.8	40.0	40.2	6.63	6.58	6.32
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	273.80	286.89	273.61	37.0	39.0	38.7	7.40	7.30	7.07
Furniture & Fixtures	279.00	281.90	264.10	39.8	40.1	39.3	7.01	7.03	6.72
Household Furniture	277.11	281.10	262.25	39.7	40.1	39.2	6.98	7.01	6.69
Wood Household Furniture	272.08	270.76	256.07	41.1	40.9	40.2	6.62	6.62	6.37
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	348.19	355.30	335.65	41.8	42.5	41.8	8.33	8.36	8.03
Structural Clay Products	300.96	305.42	284.14	44.0	44.2	42.6	6.89	6.91	6.67
Primary Metal Industries	386.91	374.64	362.51	42.8	42.0	42.3	9.04	8.92	8.57
Fabricated Metal Products	361.23	354.43	334.11	42.2	41.6	42.4	8.56	8.52	7.88
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	378.88	364.95	361.25	43.4	41.9	42.6	8.73	8.71	8.48
Special Industry Machinery	361.35	345.22	326.72	43.8	42.1	41.2	8.25	8.20	7.93
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	374.78	371.32	352.35	42.3	42.1	41.6	8.86	8.82	8.47
Household Appliances	266.70	283.40	287.24	42.2	44.7	43.0	6.32	6.34	6.68
Transportation Equipment	367.20	362.02	360.36	42.5	41.9	42.9	8.64	8.64	8.40
NONDURABLE GOODS	307.69	302.66	293.63	41.3	40.9	40.5	7.45	7.40	7.25
Food & Kindred Products	280.14	264.42	263.60	40.6	39.0	40.0	6.90	6.78	6.59
Meat Products	244.82	214.02	219.61	40.4	36.9	38.8	6.06	5.80	5.66
Meat Packing	363.19	352.43	340.17	44.4	45.3	43.5	8.18	7.78	7.82
Dairy Products	279.48	292.66	287.62	41.1	42.6	42.8	6.80	6.87	6.72
Grain Mill Products	325.13	313.97	305.54	43.7	42.2	43.4	7.44	7.44	7.04
Bakery Products	306.94	299.39	297.88	41.2	40.9	41.2	7.45	7.32	7.23
Beverages	493.38	497.28	500.12	41.6	42.0	43.3	11.86	11.86	11.55
Tobacco Manufacturers	499.66	480.34	459.60	38.2	38.8	35.6	13.08	12.38	12.91
Cigarettes	585.68	574.39	546.83	37.4	36.4	36.7	15.66	15.78	14.90
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	220.45	241.22	161.16	40.9	45.6	31.6	5.39	5.29	5.10
Textile Mill Products	287.55	284.43	272.24	42.6	42.2	41.5	6.75	6.74	6.56
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	330.69	329.62	301.49	43.8	43.6	41.7	7.55	7.56	7.23
Weaving Mills, Cotton	328.19	331.87	300.21	42.9	43.1	40.9	7.65	7.70	7.34
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	333.31	328.26	304.02	44.8	44.3	42.7	7.44	7.41	7.12
Knitting Mills	253.78	250.88	241.38	40.8	40.4	39.7	6.22	6.21	6.08
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	239.40	238.20	229.03	40.1	39.9	38.3	5.97	5.97	5.98
Hosiery, NEC	242.53	239.85	230.23	39.5	39.0	38.5	6.14	6.15	5.98
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	290.49	283.16	277.33	43.1	42.2	42.6	6.74	6.71	6.51
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	298.76	301.48	295.91	44.0	44.4	44.1	6.79	6.79	6.71
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	299.28	297.73	300.40	43.0	42.9	43.6	6.96	6.94	6.89
Yarn & Thread Mills	285.80	281.42	271.56	43.5	42.9	42.9	6.57	6.56	6.33
Apparel & Other Textile Products	203.37	201.98	199.56	38.3	38.4	38.6	5.31	5.26	5.17
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	200.54	197.05	196.79	37.0	36.9	37.2	5.42	5.34	5.29
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	186.50	187.45	186.52	37.6	38.1	38.3	4.96	4.92	4.87
Paper & Allied Products	505.35	522.31	506.41	45.0	46.1	44.5	11.23	11.33	11.38
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	676.83	710.04	659.31	47.1	48.8	46.3	14.37	14.55	14.24
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	372.71	384.93	353.33	43.9	45.5	43.3	8.49	8.46	8.16
Printing & Publishing	357.60	342.11	333.59	40.0	38.7	39.2	8.94	8.84	8.51
Newspapers	280.90	278.89	278.73	33.6	33.4	34.2	8.36	8.35	8.15
Chemicals & Allied Products	433.75	421.17	408.39	42.4	41.7	41.8	10.23	10.10	9.77
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	476.33	470.98	453.88	43.5	42.7	42.3	10.95	11.03	10.73
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	391.19	377.98	375.50	42.2	41.4	41.4	9.27	9.13	9.07
MINING	351.42	364.01	375.60	42.7	44.5	46.6	8.23	8.18	8.06
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	495.46	498.19	499.90	41.6	41.9	42.8	11.91	11.89	11.68
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	202.82	206.01	199.19	32.4	32.7	32.6	6.26	6.30	6.11
Wholesale Trade	320.74	328.35		39.5	39.8		8.12	8.25	
Retail Trade	169.94	172.17	169.16	30.4	30.8	30.7	5.59	5.59	5.51
General Merchandise Stores	161.86	160.74	153.90	28.1	28.3	28.5	5.76	5.68	5.40
Food Stores	184.38	186.62	181.51	31.9	32.4	31.9	5.78	5.76	5.69
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	144.40	146.48	134.84	30.4	31.1	29.7	4.75	4.71	4.54
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	200.48	200.28	199.47	35.8	35.7	36.6	5.60	5.61	5.45

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Information not available.

* Revised

Compiled by the Labor Market Information Division in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/26/87 S5925-5A

State Labor Summary
NORTH CAROLINA

December 1986

Employment Security Commission
of North Carolina
Labor Market Information Division

1,000 copies of this public document were printed at a cost of $70.21, or 7¢ per copy.

For more information regarding Labor Market Information, you may contact:

Labor Market Information Division
Employment Security Commission of North Carolina
700 Wade Avenue
Post Office Box 25903
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

Telephone: (919) 733-2936

NORTH CAROLINA
STATE LABOR SUMMARY
December 1986

Total Employment Increases In December

North Carolina's total employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 3,053,800 in mid-December 1986, a net monthly gain of 32,800 workers (+1.1 percent). The state's seasonally adjusted total employment was estimated to be 3,047,000 during the same period, a net over-the-month rise of 30,000 people (+1.0 percent).

Nonmanufacturing Employment Grows Monthly And Annually

As of mid-December 1986, statewide nonmanufacturing employment by place of work was estimated to be 1,952,900, a net over-the-month increase of 6,100 workers (+0.3 percent). The monthly growth was mainly due to the addition of 9,900 persons (+1.6 percent) in the trade industry. Retailing in particular was up by 10,100 as the holiday selling season peaked. The gain, however, was partially offset by the net over-the-month loss of 2,300 government workers (-0.5 percent) as state government declined by 2,200 and local by 400. Nonmanufacturing employment has grown by 76,100 people (+4.1 percent) over the year which, on a percentage basis, is more than thirteen times the yearly growth in manufacturing employment.

Manufacturing Employment Down Over The Month But Up Over The Year

Manufacturing employment by place of work in the state was estimated to be 832,500 in mid-December 1986, a net monthly decline of 2,000 workers (-0.2 percent). There was little activity in the durable goods segment, which fell by just 300 people (-0.1 percent) over the month. Overall employment in the nondurable goods segment fell by 1,800 persons (-0.4 percent) due primarily to the seasonal reduction of 1,800 workers (-6.8 percent) in tobacco manufacturing. The loss was somewhat counteracted by a modest increase of 500 people (+0.2 percent) in textile mill products as weaving mills added 600 and yarn mills gained 100. Manufacturing employment has increased by 2,700 persons (+0.3 percent) since December of 1985.

Total Unadjusted Unemployment Falls Over The Month

As of the middle of December of 1986, statewide total unemployment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 154,800, a net over-the-month drop of 18,300 persons (-10.6 percent). Consequently, the unadjusted rate of unemployment fell from 5.4 percent in November 1986 to 4.8 percent in December 1986. North Carolina's seasonally adjusted total unemployment was estimated to be 173,000 in mid-December 1986, a small net monthly increase of 1,000 people (+0.6 percent). The seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment remained the same at 5.4 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 6.3 percent in December 1986 and 6.6 percent in November 1986. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the nation were 6.7 percent in December and 6.9 percent in November.

North Carolina Civilian Labor Force 1/

	December 1986	November 1986	December 1985 2/
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,208,600	3,194,100	3,191,000
Employment	3,053,800	3,021,000	3,056,700
Unemployment	154,800	173,100	134,300
Unemployment Rate	4.8	5.4	4.2
(Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,220,000	3,189,000	3,215,000
Employment	3,047,000	3,017,000	3,067,000
Unemployment	173,000	172,000	148,000
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.4	4.6
National Rate (Unadjusted)	6.3	6.6	6.7
(Seasonally Adjusted)	6.7	6.9	7.0

1/ Data compiled by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
2/ Revised.

Average Hourly Earnings And Average Weekly Hours Increase

From mid-November to mid-December 1986, the average hourly earnings of the state's manufacturing production workers gained 6¢ an hour (+0.8 percent) to reach $7.70. Durable goods employees' hourly wages also grew over the month, rising by 5¢ an hour (+0.6 percent) to hit $7.99 in December 1986. Stone, clay, and glass workers led the way in durable goods with a net monthly increase of 13¢ an hour (+1.6 percent) to reach $8.49. Employees in furniture and fixtures saw average hourly earnings rise by 11¢ (+1.6 percent) to $7.11. The hourly wages of workers in the nondurable goods sector increased as well, climbing by 6¢ an hour (+0.8 percent) to $7.51. Tobacco manufacturing employees again enjoyed the largest net over-the-month wage rise in nondurables, up by $1.20 an hour (+9.3 percent) to $14.16. Workers in the printing industry saw their average hourly earnings increase to $9.04 after gaining 12¢ an hour (+1.3 percent). The average weekly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production employees rose by $6.33 (+2.0 percent) to $321.86 from the middle of November to the middle of December 1986. Average weekly hours stood at 41.8 in December 1986, a monthly rise of 0.5 of an hour.

High Percentage Of Job Openings Filled In December

During December 1986, there were 13,324 job openings received by the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina, a decline of 4,078 (-23.4 percent). Most of those openings were filled (11,836 or 88.8 percent). The largest number of job openings received was in miscellaneous occupations, and of the 2,419 received all were filled. There were 1,894 job openings received in the structural work occupations in December 1986 and 1,683 or 88.9 percent were filled. In the bench work segment, 1,810 job openings were received during the month and 1,384 or 76.5 percent were filled. The lowest number of job openings received (412) was in processing, but all of them were filled. A total of 149,155 job openings were received by the local Job Service offices across the state from July 1, 1986, through December 31, 1986. Almost 80 percent (118,833) were filled. There were 12,577 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file as of December 31, 1986, and 8,085 (64.3 percent) had been open for 30 days or longer. Those were labeled as hard to fill. The next table gives more data from the statewide job openings file for December 1986 and for the fiscal year to date (July 1, 1986, through December 31, 1986).

Statewide Job Openings Data

	December 1986		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) as of Dec. 31, 1986	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	725	302	5,814	2,676	1,355	901
Clerical	1,779	1,169	14,926	9,712	1,841	1,051
Sales	844	557	5,896	3,466	1,009	691
Service	1,445	1,852	21,621	15,766	2,530	1,700
Domestic	222	179	1,440	1,121	123	85
Other Services	1,223	1,673	20,181	14,645	2,407	1,615
Farm., Fish., and Forest.	787	863	30,944	30,382	141	109
Processing	412	609	6,458	5,901	183	69
Machine Trades	1,209	943	10,651	8,313	1,119	682
Bench Work	1,810	1,384	13,311	11,462	1,520	1,038
Structural Work	1,894	1,683	16,982	12,619	1,758	1,164
Miscellaneous	2,419	2,474	22,552	18,536	1,121	680
Motor Freight and Transp.	467	446	4,573	2,133	500	345
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	1,901	1,997	17,589	16,171	567	304
Other	51	31	390	232	54	31
Total	13,324	11,836	149,155	118,833	12,577	8,085

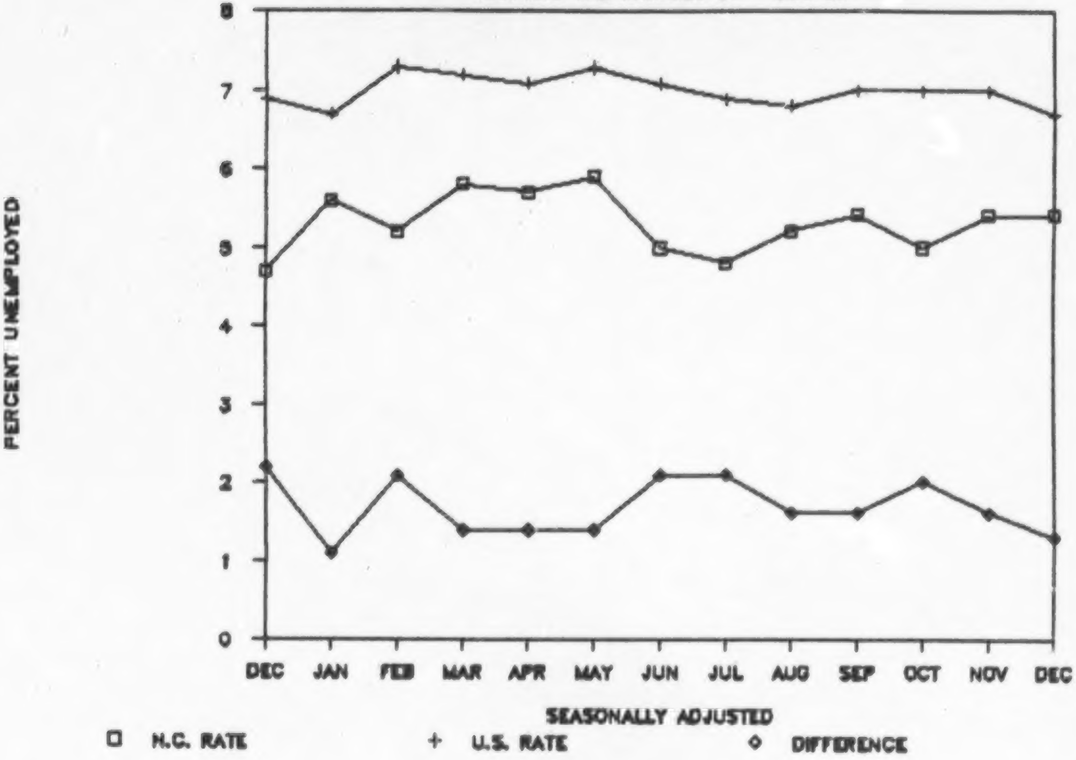
1/ July 1, 1986, through December 31, 1986.

The Number Of Job Applicants Declines

As of December 31, 1986, there were 170,911 active job applicants registered for work with the local Job Service offices across the state, a net over-the-month decrease of 2,925 persons (-1.7 percent). The 22 to 39 sector was the largest applicant sector by age with 109,897 or 64.3 percent of the total. The 40 to 54 age group numbered 34,080 or 19.9 percent. The 55 and over age segment continued to record the fewest active applicants with 10,515 or just 6.2 percent of the total. Males comprised 50.8 percent of the active applicant total with a count of 86,770. Most of the active applicants were white, not Hispanic (94,641 or 55.3 percent). The following table provides additional information from North Carolina's active applicant file at the end of December 1986.

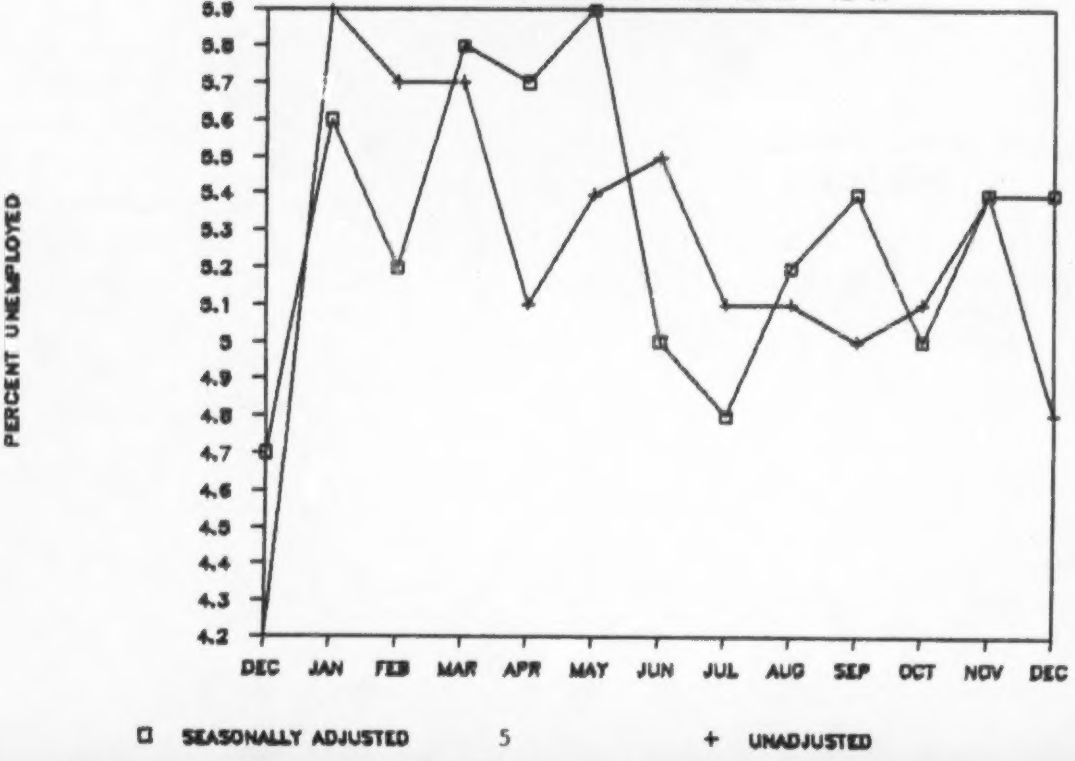
Statewide Active Applicant File
December 31, 1986

	Number	Percent
Total	170,911	100.0
Age		
22 - 39	109,897	64.3
40 - 54	34,080	19.9
55 and Over	10,515	6.2
Sex		
Male	86,770	50.8
Female	84,141	49.2
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	94,641	55.3
Black, not Hispanic	71,735	42.0
Hispanic	1,060	0.6
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,688	1.6
Other Races and Undetermined	787	0.5
Eligible Claimant	72,934	42.7
Veteran	35,032	20.5
Handicapped	12,286	7.2
Seasonal Farmworker	1,924	1.1
Welfare	20,827	12.2



A COMPARISON: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

N.C. AND THE U.S. DEC 85 – DEC 86



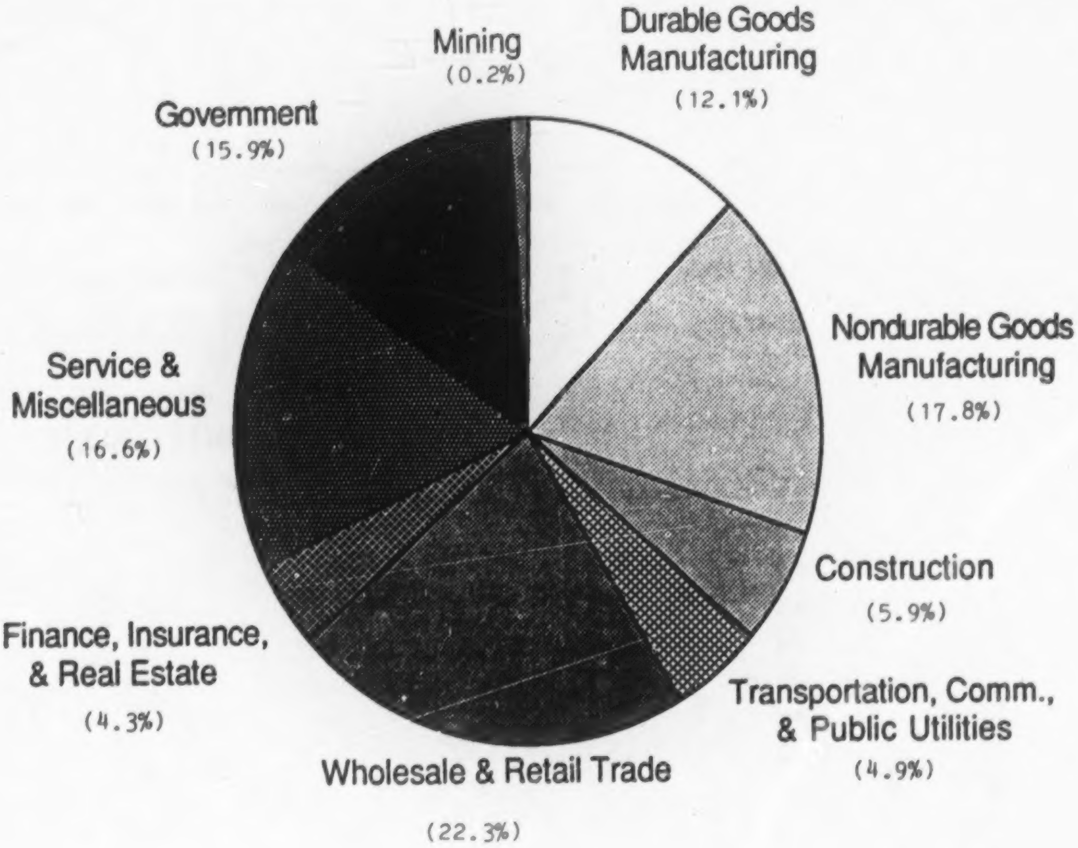
NORTH CAROLINA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

ADJUSTED AND UNADJUSTED: 12/85 – 12/86

COMPOSITION OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA

December 1986

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Dec. 1986 (Thous.)	Nov.* 1986 (Thous.)	Dec.* 1985 (Thous.)	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,785.4	2,781.3	2,706.7	+ 0.1	+ 2.9
MANUFACTURING	832.5	834.5	829.8	- 0.2	+ 0.3
DURABLE GOODS	335.7	336.0	342.1	- 0.1	- 1.9
Lumber & Wood Products	34.4	34.5	35.8	- 0.3	- 3.9
Sawmills & Planing Mills	11.3	11.3	11.8	0	- 4.2
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.9	8.0	8.3	- 1.2	- 4.8
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.1	5.2	5.5	- 1.9	- 7.3
Furniture & Fixtures	86.9	86.6	85.4	+ 0.3	+ 1.8
Household Furniture	77.0	76.7	75.8	+ 0.4	+ 1.6
Wood Household Furniture	38.8	38.6	37.7	+ 0.5	+ 2.9
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.9	31.8	31.5	+ 0.3	+ 1.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	20.1	20.2	19.6	- 0.5	+ 2.6
Structural Clay Products	2.8	2.7	2.6	+ 3.7	+ 7.7
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.6	5.8	5.6	- 3.4	0
Primary Metal Industries	10.0	10.1	10.5	- 1.0	- 4.8
Fabricated Metal Products	26.0	26.3	26.8	- 1.1	- 3.0
Fab. Structural Metal Products	7.7	7.7	8.5	0	- 9.4
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	54.7	54.5	57.0	+ 0.4	- 4.0
Special Industry Machinery	7.4	7.3	7.0	+ 1.4	+ 5.7
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	62.1	62.5	66.2	- 0.6	- 6.2
Household Appliances	6.6	6.8	5.4	- 2.9	+ 22.2
Transportation Equipment	24.5	24.3	23.7	+ 0.8	+ 3.4
Other Durable Goods 2/	17.0	16.9	17.2	+ 0.6	- 1.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	496.8	498.6	487.7	- 0.4	+ 1.9
Food & Kindred Products	48.1	48.1	47.1	0	- 2.1
Meat Products	21.4	21.4	20.3	0	+ 5.4
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 3.8
Dairy Products	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+ 3.3
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.3	2.4	+ 4.3	0
Bakery Products	8.0	8.0	7.8	0	+ 2.6
Beverages	5.8	5.7	5.9	+ 1.8	- 1.7
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.7	26.5	26.2	- 6.8	- 5.7
Cigarettes	20.2	20.3	20.5	- 0.5	- 1.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.0	5.6	5.2	- 28.6	- 23.1
Textile Mill Products	211.6	211.1	206.1	+ 0.2	+ 2.7
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	53.2	52.6	54.9	+ 1.1	- 3.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton	27.9	27.6	29.0	+ 1.1	- 3.8
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.6	24.4	25.4	+ 0.8	- 3.1
Knitting Mills	77.6	77.7	74.3	- 0.1	+ 4.4
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.2	25.4	24.9	- 0.8	+ 1.2
Hosiery, NEC	23.8	24.1	22.3	- 1.2	+ 6.7
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.4	13.3	12.6	+ 0.8	+ 6.3
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.4	6.3	6.0	+ 1.6	+ 6.7
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.9	15.0	14.5	- 0.7	+ 2.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	51.0	50.9	48.4	+ 0.2	+ 5.4

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OR NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT Dec. 1986 (Thous.)	Nov.* 1986 (Thous.)	Dec.* 1985 (Thous.)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM: Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.2	90.9	88.9	- 0.8	+ 1.5
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furn.	31.3	31.3	29.8	0	+ 5.0
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	36.8	37.3	38.3	- 1.3	- 3.9
Paper & Allied Products	22.5	22.3	22.3	+ 0.9	+ 0.9
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.6	10.5	10.7	+ 1.0	- 0.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.9	7.8	7.8	+ 1.3	+ 1.3
Printing & Publishing	27.6	27.6	26.5	0	+ 4.2
Newspapers	10.0	10.1	9.7	- 1.0	+ 3.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.8	36.9	36.9	- 0.3	- 0.3
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.3	12.3	12.9	0	- 4.7
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	30.7	30.7	29.2	0	+ 5.1
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 2.3
NONMANUFACTURING	1,952.9	1,946.8	1,876.8	+ 0.3	+ 4.1
MINING	4.6	4.7	4.7	- 2.1	- 2.1
CONSTRUCTION	164.1	165.3	154.7	- 0.7	+ 6.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	136.3	136.1	130.9	+ 0.1	+ 4.1
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	74.5	74.6	71.7	- 0.1	+ 3.9
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	57.4	57.2	54.8	+ 0.3	+ 4.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	624.4	614.5	600.0	+ 1.6	+ 4.1
Wholesale Trade	143.2	143.5	137.7	- 0.2	+ 4.0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	87.2	87.1	83.3	+ 0.1	+ 4.7
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	56.1	56.4	54.5	- 0.5	+ 2.9
Retail Trade	481.1	471.0	462.3	+ 2.1	+ 4.1
General Merchandise Stores	71.7	66.2	68.3	+ 8.3	+ 5.0
Food Stores	74.4	73.7	71.7	+ 0.9	+ 3.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	118.6	118.3	111.0	+ 0.3	+ 6.8
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	461.4	461.9	437.8	- 0.1	+ 5.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	28.3	29.0	25.8	- 2.4	+ 9.7
Personal Services	28.6	28.5	27.5	+ 0.4	+ 4.0
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.7	11.7	11.7	0	0
Health Services	117.3	117.0	111.3	+ 0.3	+ 5.4
Hospitals	44.9	44.9	43.2	0	+ 3.9
Legal Services	11.9	11.8	10.4	+ 0.8	+ 14.4
Educational Services	34.1	35.6	33.9	- 4.2	+ 0.6
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	443.6	445.9	437.6	- 0.5	+ 1.4
Federal	52.5	52.2	52.5	+ 0.6	0
State	130.3	132.5	129.4	- 1.7	+ 0.7
Education	70.3	72.4	69.5	- 2.9	+ 1.2
Other	60.0	60.1	59.9	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Local	260.8	261.2	255.8	- 0.2	+ 2.0
Education	140.1	139.9	137.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.8
Other	120.7	121.3	118.1	- 0.5	+ 2.2

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.
Compiled by Labor Market Information Division in cooperation with USDOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics. *Revised

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	DECEMBER 1986 (thous)	NOVEMBER* 1986 (thous)	DECEMBER* 1985 (thous)	NOVEMBER 1986	DECEMBER 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,769.7	2,759.0	2,689.3	+ 0.4	+ 3.0
MANUFACTURING	832.4	832.3	829.7	+ 0.01	+ 2.7
DURABLE GOODS	334.7	334.8	341.2	- 0.03	- 1.9
Lumber & Wood Products	34.6	34.6	36.0	0	- 3.9
Sawmills & Planing Mills	11.3	11.4	11.8	- 0.9	- 4.2
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.0	8.0	8.4	0	- 4.8
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.3	5.3	5.7	0	- 7.0
Furniture & Fixtures	86.2	85.9	84.9	+ 0.3	+ 1.5
Household Furniture	76.2	76.0	75.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.6
Wood Household Furniture	39.1	38.6	38.0	+ 1.3	+ 2.9
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.7	31.6	31.3	+ 0.3	+ 1.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	20.3	20.1	19.8	+ 1.0	+ 2.5
Structural Clay Products	2.9	2.7	2.7	+ 7.4	+ 7.4
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.6	5.8	5.6	- 3.4	0
Primary Metal Industries	10.1	10.1	10.5	0	- 3.8
Fabricated Metal Products	25.9	26.1	26.7	- 0.8	- 3.0
Fab. Structural Metal Products	7.7	7.7	8.5	0	- 9.4
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	54.2	54.5	56.4	- 0.6	- 3.9
Special Industry Machinery	7.2	7.3	6.9	- 1.4	+ 4.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	61.7	62.1	65.8	- 0.6	- 6.2
Household Appliances	6.5	6.3	5.3	+ 3.2	+ 22.6
Transportation Equipment	24.8	24.7	24.0	+ 0.4	+ 3.3
Other Durable Goods 2/	16.9	16.7	17.1	+ 1.2	- 1.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	497.7	497.5	488.5	+ 0.04	+ 1.9
Food & Kindred Products	47.8	47.8	46.8	0	+ 2.1
Meat Products	21.3	21.3	20.2	0	+ 5.4
Meat Packing Plants	2.4	2.5	2.5	- 4.0	- 4.0
Dairy Products	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+ 3.3
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.3	2.4	+ 4.3	0
Bakery Products	8.0	7.9	7.8	+ 1.3	+ 2.6
Beverages	5.8	5.8	5.9	0	- 16.9
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.4	25.2	25.9	- 3.2	- 5.8
Cigarettes	20.1	20.2	20.4	- 0.5	- 1.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.8	4.3	5.0	- 11.6	- 24.0
Textile Mill Products	212.7	211.7	207.0	+ 0.5	+ 2.8
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	53.0	52.4	54.7	+ 1.1	- 3.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton	27.7	27.3	28.8	+ 1.5	- 3.8
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.6	24.5	25.4	+ 0.4	- 3.1
Knitting Mills	78.4	78.2	75.1	+ 0.3	+ 4.4
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.2	25.5	24.9	- 1.2	+ 1.2
Hosiery, NEC	24.3	24.2	22.7	+ 0.4	+ 7.0
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.5	13.4	12.7	+ 0.7	+ 6.3
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.5	6.4	6.1	+ 1.6	+ 6.6
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.9	14.9	14.5	0	+ 2.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	51.1	51.2	48.5	- 0.2	+ 5.4

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OR NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	DECEMBER 1986 (thous)	NOVEMBER* 1986 (thous)	DECEMBER* 1985 (thous)	NOVEMBER 1986	DECEMBER 1985
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.4	90.3	89.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.3
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furn.	31.7	31.3	30.2	+ 1.3	+ 5.0
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	36.8	36.5	38.3	+ 0.8	- 3.9
Paper & Allied Products	22.4	22.3	22.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.9
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.5	10.6	10.6	- 0.9	- 0.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.9	7.7	7.8	+ 2.6	+ 1.3
Printing & Publishing	27.4	27.5	26.5	- 0.4	+ 3.4
Newspapers	10.1	10.1	9.7	0	+ 4.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.0	37.2	37.0	- 0.5	0
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.3	12.5	12.9	- 1.6	- 4.7
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	31.1	31.0	29.5	+ 0.3	+ 5.4
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 2.3
NONMANUFACTURING	1,937.3	1,926.7	1,859.6	+ 0.6	+ 1.2
MINING	4.7	4.7	4.7	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	166.6	163.7	155.9	+ 1.8	+ 6.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	135.8	136.0	130.6	- 0.1	+ 4.0
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	74.2	74.4	71.2	- 0.3	+ 4.2
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	57.2	57.3	54.8	- 0.2	+ 4.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	610.3	607.7	586.4	+ 0.4	+ 4.1
Wholesale Trade	144.1	142.7	138.5	+ 1.0	+ 4.0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	87.4	87.0	83.4	+ 0.5	+ 4.8
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	56.7	55.7	55.1	+ 1.8	+ 2.9
Retail Trade	466.2	465.0	447.9	+ 0.3	+ 4.1
General Merchandise Stores	62.5	62.8	59.5	- 0.5	+ 5.0
Food Stores	73.4	73.2	70.7	+ 0.3	+ 3.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	119.4	118.5	111.7	+ 0.8	+ 6.9
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	468.0	464.7	443.8	+ 0.7	+ 5.7
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	30.3	29.3	27.7	+ 3.4	+ 9.4
Personal Services	28.8	28.9	27.7	- 0.3	+ 4.0
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.6	11.6	11.6	0	0
Health Services	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hospitals	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Legal Services	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Educational Services	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	432.5	431.4	426.5	+ 0.3	+ 1.4
Federal	52.5	52.3	52.5	+ 0.4	0
State	125.4	125.6	124.5	- 0.2	+ 0.7
Education	64.5	64.8	63.7	- 0.5	+ 1.3
Other	60.9	60.8	60.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Local	254.6	253.5	249.5	+ 0.4	+ 2.0
Education	132.2	131.5	129.7	+ 0.5	+ 1.9
Other	122.4	122.0	119.8	+ 0.3	+ 2.2

1/ Current month data are preliminary. *Revised

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

Compiled by Labor Market Information Division in cooperation with USDOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December 1986

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	December 1986	November* 1986	December* 1985	November 1986	December 1985
MANUFACTURING	660.4	662.1	656.5	- 0.3	+ 0.6
DURABLE GOODS	253.4	253.4	258.5	0	- 2.0
Lumber & Wood Products	29.3	29.4	30.7	- 0.3	- 4.6
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	6.8	6.8	7.3	0	- 6.8
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.0	4.1	4.5	- 2.4	-11.1
Furniture & Fixtures	76.1	75.8	75.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.7
Household Furniture	68.0	67.7	67.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
Wood Household Furniture	35.3	35.1	34.7	+ 0.6	+ 1.7
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	16.2	16.3	15.9	- 0.6	+ 1.9
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 4.8
Primary Metal Industries	7.2	7.2	7.8	0	- 7.7
Fabricated Metal Products	19.3	19.5	20.0	- 1.0	- 3.5
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	27.8	27.5	28.5	+ 1.1	- 2.5
Special Industry Machinery	5.0	4.9	4.7	+ 2.0	+ 6.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	44.8	45.1	48.0	- 0.7	- 6.7
Household Appliances	5.9	6.1	4.8	- 3.3	+22.9
Transportation Equipment	20.0	19.8	19.0	+ 1.0	+ 5.3
NONDURABLE GOODS	406.9	408.7	398.0	- 0.4	+ 2.2
Food & Kindred Products	34.2	34.3	33.2	- 0.3	+ 3.0
Meat Products	18.9	18.9	18.0	0	+ 5.0
Meat Packing	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 5.3
Dairy Products	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	+ 6.7
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Bakery Products	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 2.3
Beverages	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	- 4.2
Tobacco Manufacturers	19.3	20.9	20.2	- 7.7	- 4.5
Cigarettes	15.6	15.7	16.2	- 0.6	- 3.7
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.2	4.7	3.6	- 31.9	-11.1
Textile Mill Products	187.1	186.8	181.9	+ 0.2	+ 2.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	47.1	46.7	48.4	+ 0.9	- 2.7
Weaving Mills, Cotton	24.5	24.3	25.3	+ 0.8	- 3.2
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	22.1	21.9	22.6	+ 0.9	- 2.2
Knitting Mills	68.8	68.9	65.8	- 0.1	+ 4.6
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.4	22.6	22.4	- 0.9	0
Hosiery, NEC	21.5	21.7	20.2	- 0.9	+ 6.4
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	11.7	11.5	10.7	+ 1.7	+ 9.3
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.6	5.5	5.3	+ 1.8	+ 5.7
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	12.4	12.6	12.1	- 1.6	+ 2.5
Yarn & Thread Mills	46.3	46.2	44.0	+ 0.2	+ 5.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	79.1	79.8	77.9	- 0.9	+ 1.5
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	27.2	27.2	26.3	0	+ 3.4
Women's & Children's Garments	32.3	32.8	33.3	- 1.5	- 3.0
Paper & Allied Products	16.8	16.6	16.8	+ 1.2	0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.5	7.4	7.8	+ 1.4	- 3.8
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.0	5.9	5.9	+ 1.7	+ 1.7
Printing & Publishing	17.2	17.1	16.4	+ 0.6	+ 4.9
Newspapers	3.9	3.9	3.7	0	+ 5.4
Chemicals & Allied Products	24.2	24.2	24.0	0	+ 0.8
Plastic Materials & Synthetics	8.6	8.6	8.8	0	- 2.3
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	25.2	25.2	23.8	0	+ 5.9
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+ 2.7

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products."

*Revised. Compiled by the Labor Market Information Division in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

December 1986

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Dec. 1986	Nov.* 1986	Dec.* 1985	Dec. 1986	Nov.* 1986	Dec.* 1985	Dec. 1986	Nov.* 1986	Dec.* 1985
MANUFACTURING	$ 321.86	$315.53	$ 308.10	41.8	41.3	41.3	$ 7.70	$ 7.64	$ 7.46
DURABLE GOODS	335.58	328.72	322.56	42.0	41.4	42.0	7.99	7.94	7.68
Lumber & Wood Products	279.47	272.49	268.38	41.9	41.1	41.1	6.67	6.63	6.53
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	275.33	268.06	260.16	42.1	40.8	41.1	6.54	6.57	6.33
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	286.69	287.98	290.14	38.9	38.9	39.8	7.37	7.38	7.29
Furniture & Fixtures	289.38	279.30	274.72	40.7	39.9	40.4	7.11	7.00	6.80
Household Furniture	287.75	277.11	273.78	40.7	39.7	40.5	7.07	6.98	6.76
Wood Household Furniture	271.99	272.74	261.46	40.9	41.2	40.6	6.65	6.62	6.44
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	357.43	349.45	338.06	42.1	41.8	42.1	8.49	8.36	8.03
Structural Clay Products	290.79	306.80	282.81	41.9	44.4	42.4	6.94	6.91	6.67
Primary Metal Industries	393.32	387.47	374.52	43.8	43.1	42.9	8.98	8.99	8.73
Fabricated Metal Products	356.17	357.01	345.03	42.1	42.1	43.4	8.46	8.48	7.95
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	385.88	377.56	379.55	43.9	43.1	44.6	8.79	8.76	8.51
Special Industry Machinery	369.41	360.53	348.73	44.4	43.7	43.7	8.32	8.25	7.98
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	380.88	376.13	361.25	42.7	42.5	42.4	8.92	8.85	8.52
Household Appliances	267.26	266.70	268.46	41.5	42.2	40.8	6.44	6.32	6.58
Transportation Equipment	378.81	372.77	371.42	42.9	42.7	43.8	8.83	8.73	8.48
NONDURABLE GOODS	312.42	306.94	298.25	41.6	41.2	40.8	7.51	7.45	7.31
Food & Kindred Products	269.97	269.88	269.47	38.9	39.0	40.4	6.94	6.92	6.67
Meat Products	210.40	223.71	221.73	35.6	37.1	38.9	5.91	6.03	5.70
Meat Packing	379.82	377.21	333.63	47.3	46.8	42.5	8.03	8.06	7.85
Dairy Products	287.18	281.25	291.79	41.5	41.3	43.1	6.92	6.81	6.77
Grain Mill Products	342.29	326.31	321.01	45.7	43.8	44.4	7.49	7.45	7.23
Bakery Products	321.00	310.01	292.99	42.8	41.5	41.5	7.50	7.47	7.06
Beverages	492.38	493.66	566.43	41.1	41.8	47.4	11.98	11.81	11.95
Tobacco Manufacturers	523.92	493.78	487.87	37.0	38.1	37.1	14.16	12.96	13.15
Cigarettes	595.41	582.32	554.94	37.4	37.4	36.8	15.92	15.57	15.08
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	210.10	218.83	209.17	34.9	40.6	38.1	6.02	5.39	5.49
Textile Mill Products	292.22	287.55	272.17	43.1	42.6	41.3	6.78	6.75	6.59
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	334.96	330.69	298.25	43.9	43.8	40.8	7.63	7.55	7.31
Weaving Mills, Cotton	339.55	328.61	296.00	43.7	42.9	40.0	7.77	7.66	7.40
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	329.87	333.31	301.07	44.1	44.8	41.7	7.48	7.44	7.22
Knitting Mills	257.72	254.61	241.96	41.5	41.0	39.6	6.21	6.21	6.11
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	248.47	242.47	241.00	41.9	40.7	40.1	5.93	5.96	6.01
Hosiery, NEC	239.34	241.13	210.75	39.3	39.4	35.6	6.09	6.12	5.92
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	295.99	292.03	281.22	43.4	43.2	43.0	6.82	6.76	6.54
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	302.36	298.32	317.86	44.4	44.0	46.0	6.81	6.78	6.91
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	319.41	297.89	301.46	45.5	42.8	43.5	7.02	6.96	6.93
Yarn & Thread Mills	293.49	287.32	274.96	44.2	43.6	43.3	6.64	6.59	6.35
Apparel & Other Textile Products	206.42	203.90	200.85	38.8	38.4	38.7	5.32	5.31	5.19
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	207.81	202.54	202.16	38.2	37.3	38.0	5.44	5.43	5.32
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	187.72	186.50	184.95	38.0	37.6	37.9	4.94	4.96	4.88
Paper & Allied Products	524.52	506.47	520.07	46.5	45.1	45.5	11.28	11.23	11.43
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	699.86	676.83	661.07	48.1	47.1	46.1	14.55	14.37	14.34
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	404.03	374.85	383.04	47.2	44.1	45.6	8.56	8.50	8.40
Printing & Publishing	371.54	355.02	354.32	41.1	39.8	41.2	9.04	8.92	8.60
Newspapers	284.74	281.22	274.32	34.1	33.8	33.7	8.35	8.32	8.14
Chemicals & Allied Products	438.35	429.84	411.03	42.6	42.1	42.2	10.29	10.21	9.74
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	491.87	487.45	455.99	43.8	43.6	42.3	11.23	11.18	10.78
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	389.25	392.46	385.81	41.9	42.2	41.8	9.29	9.30	9.23
MINING	359.31	352.64	376.77	43.5	42.9	46.4	8.26	8.22	8.12
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	503.27	507.18	488.22	41.8	42.3	41.8	12.04	11.99	11.68
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	206.31	204.10	203.23	32.8	32.5	33.1	6.29	6.28	6.14
Wholesale Trade	324.39	323.14	311.65	39.9	39.6	39.6	8.13	8.16	7.87
Retail Trade	174.28	170.80	174.58	30.9	30.5	31.4	5.64	5.60	5.56
General Merchandise Stores	176.41	159.61	168.77	29.9	28.1	30.3	5.90	5.68	5.57
Food Stores	185.79	184.06	184.60	32.2	31.9	32.5	5.77	5.77	5.68
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	141.19	144.27	138.40	29.6	30.5	29.7	4.77	4.73	4.66
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	201.55	200.12	196.56	35.8	35.8	36.0	5.63	5.59	5.46

1/ Current month data are preliminary. *Revised

Compiled by the Labor Market Information Division in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

4/14/87 55925-5 A

State Labor Summary
NORTH CAROLINA

January 1987

Employment Security Commission
of North Carolina
Labor Market Information Division

1,000 copies of this public document were printed at a cost of $70.21, or 7¢ per copy.

For more information regarding Labor Market Information, you may contact:

Labor Market Information Division
Employment Security Commission of North Carolina
700 Wade Avenue
Post Office Box 25903
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

Telephone: (919) 733-2936

NORTH CAROLINA
STATE LABOR SUMMARY
January 1987

Seasonally Adjusted Total Employment Grows Over The Month

Seasonally adjusted total employment in the state as of mid-January 1987 was estimated to be 3,115,000, a net over-the-month increase of 67,000 people (+2.2 percent). North Carolina's unadjusted total employment sustained a net monthly loss of 5,800 workers (-0.2 percent) to fall to 3,057,600 in January 1987.

Nonmanufacturing Employment Surges Over The Year

Nonmanufacturing employment by place of work in North Carolina was estimated to be 1,923,200 in the middle of January of this year, a strong net yearly gain of 76,600 people (+4.1 percent). The yearly gain was more than 10 times the net annual growth in manufacturing. All seven of the nonmanufacturing industry groups exhibited over-the-year increases. Trade (+26,200; +4.4 percent) and service and miscellaneous (+23,300; +5.4 percent) exhibited the largest growth. Over the month, however, nonmanufacturing employment suffered a net loss of 37,000 workers (-1.9 percent) with about half (18,400) occurring as a seasonal reduction in trade.

Manufacturing Employment Enjoys Modest Annual Growth

Statewide manufacturing employment by place of work was estimated to be 834,400 in the middle of this January, a net over-the-year increase of 7,200 persons (+0.9 percent). Textile mill products (+5,300; +2.5 percent) and furniture and fixtures (+2,300; +2.7 percent) were the two big yearly gainers. Over the month, however, manufacturing employment sustained a net decline of 2,200 workers (-0.3 percent) with electrical machinery accounting for one half (1,100).

Seasonally Adjusted Total Unemployment Down In January

North Carolina's seasonally adjusted total unemployment was estimated to be 156,000 in mid-January of this year, a net monthly decline of 17,000 people (-9.8 percent). As a result, the seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment dropped from 5.4 percent in December of last year to 4.8 percent this January. The statewide unadjusted total unemployment in the middle of January 1987 was estimated to be 169,000, a noticeable net over-the-month rise of 13,700 persons (+8.8 percent). The unadjusted rate of unemployment consequently rose from 4.8 percent in December 1986 to 5.2 percent this January. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the nation were 7.3 percent in January 1987 and 6.3 percent in December 1986. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the United States remained unchanged at 6.7 percent over the month.

North Carolina Civilian Labor Force 1/

	January 1987	December 1986	January 1986
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,226,600	3,218,700	3,160,000
Employment	3,057,600	3,063,400	2,973,700
Unemployment	169,000	155,300	186,300
Unemployment Rate	5.2	4.8	5.9
(Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,271,000	3,221,000	3,204,000
Employment	3,115,000	3,048,000	3,031,000
Unemployment	156,000	173,000	173,000
Unemployment Rate	4.8	5.4	5.4
National Rate (Unadjusted)	7.3	6.3	7.3
(Seasonally Adjusted)	6.7	6.7	6.8

1/ Data compiled by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Both Average Hourly Earnings And Average Weekly Hours Fall Slightly

The average hourly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production employees dropped by just 1¢ an hour (-0.1 percent) to $7.69 from the middle of December 1986 to the middle of January 1987. The hourly earnings of workers in the durable goods segment declined as well, falling by 4¢ an hour (-0.5 percent) over the month to $7.93 this January. Employees in electrical machinery, however, did enjoy a net over-the-month gain of 8¢ an hour (+0.9 percent) to hit $8.85. Workers in lumber and wood saw a more modest increase of 3¢ an hour (+0.5 percent) which brought their rate to $6.69. Employees in the nondurable goods segment experienced a small net monthly rise of 2¢ an hour (+0.3 percent) to reach $7.54 in January 1987. Workers in tobacco manufacturing led the way with a net monthly increase of 15¢ an hour (+1.1 percent) to rise to $14.02. Chemical employees enjoyed a net over-the-month jump of 13¢ an hour (+1.3 percent) as the hourly rate climbed to $10.51 this January. From mid-December 1986 to mid-January 1987, the average weekly earnings of the state's manufacturing production workers decreased by $7.34 (-2.3 percent) to fall to $312.98. Average weekly hours also fell over the month (-0.9) but were still strong at 40.7 in January of this year.

Most Job Openings Filled In January

There were 15,199 job openings received by the local Job Service offices across the state during January of this year, a net monthly increase of 1,875 (+14.1 percent). A high percentage was filled (71.0 percent or 10,795). The service category recorded the largest number of job openings received during the month with 2,480 and most were filled (1,792 or 72.3 percent). Job openings received in the miscellaneous sector numbered 2,090 with 1,772 or 84.8 percent being filled. Clerical occupations with 1,988 job openings received in January recorded 61.5 percent or 1,222 filled. The sales segment received the fewest job openings during the month with just 620 and about one half (314) of those were filled. From July 1, 1986, through January 31, 1987, a total of 164,354 job openings were received by the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina, and over three-fourths (78.9 percent or 129,628) were filled. At the end of this January, there were 12,878 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file and most (7,248 or 56.3 percent) had been open for 30 days or more and were, therefore, classified as hard-to-fill. The following table provides additional information from the state's job openings file for January 1987 and for the fiscal year to date (July 1, 1986, through January 31, 1987).

Statewide Job Openings Data

	January 1987		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) as of Jan. 31, 1987	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	892	397	6,706	3,073	1,431	897
Clerical	1,988	1,222	16,914	10,934	1,845	940
Sales	620	314	6,516	3,780	1,014	652
Service	2,480	1,792	24,101	17,558	2,504	1,579
Domestic	192	168	1,632	1,289	109	86
Other Services	2,288	1,624	22,469	16,269	2,395	1,493
Farm., Fish., and Forest.	682	550	31,626	30,932	232	94
Processing	886	550	7,344	6,451	428	187
Machine Trades	1,707	1,076	12,358	9,389	1,317	738
Bench Work	1,930	1,622	15,241	13,084	1,529	892
Structural Work	1,924	1,500	18,906	14,119	1,665	964
Miscellaneous	2,090	1,772	24,642	20,308	913	305
Motor Freight and Transp.	371	274	4,944	2,407	424	240
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	1,654	1,469	19,243	17,640	428	40
Other	65	29	455	261	61	25
Total	15,199	10,795	164,354	129,628	12,878	7,248

1/ July 1, 1986, through January 31, 1987.

The Number Of Job Applicants Grows

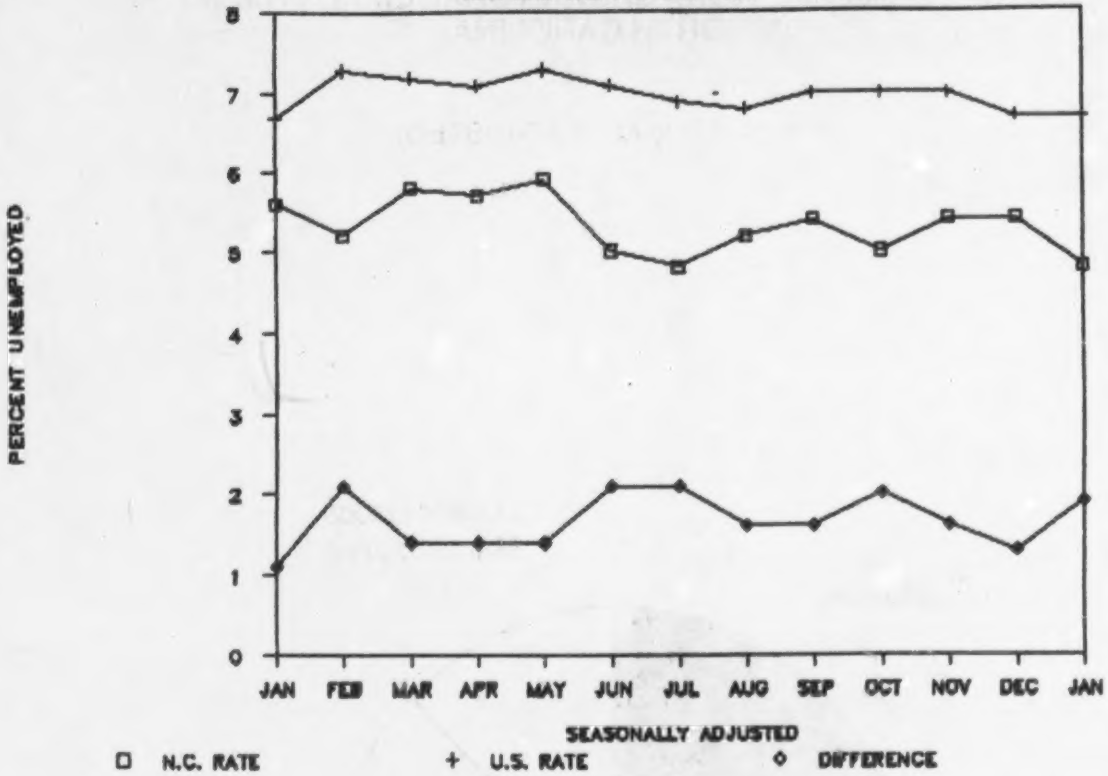
There were 175,226 active job applicants registered for work with the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina at the end of January of this year, a net monthly increase of 4,315 people (+2.5 percent). The largest applicant segment by age was the 22 to 39 group with 112,234 or 64.1 percent of the total. The 40-54 age group followed with 34,477 or 19.7 percent. The lowest number of active applicants was seen in the 55 and over age sector which totaled 10,582 or 6.0 percent of the total. More than half of the active applicants were males (88,758 or 50.7 percent), and whites who were not Hispanic comprised the majority of the active applicants with a count of 97,842 or 55.8 percent of the total. The next table relates more data from the statewide active applicant file as of January 31, 1987.

Statewide Active Applicant File
January 31, 1987

	Number	Percent
Total	175,226	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	17,933	10.2
22 - 39	112,234	64.1
40 - 54	34,477	19.7
55 and Over	10,582	6.0
Sex		
Male	88,758	50.7
Female	86,468	49.3
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	97,842	55.8
Black, not Hispanic	72,704	41.5
Hispanic	987	0.6
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,908	1.7
Other Races and Undetermined	785	0.4
Eligible Claimant	74,941	42.8
Veteran	34,887	19.9
Handicapped	12,274	7.0
Welfare	20,860	11.9
Seasonal Farmworker	1,629	0.9

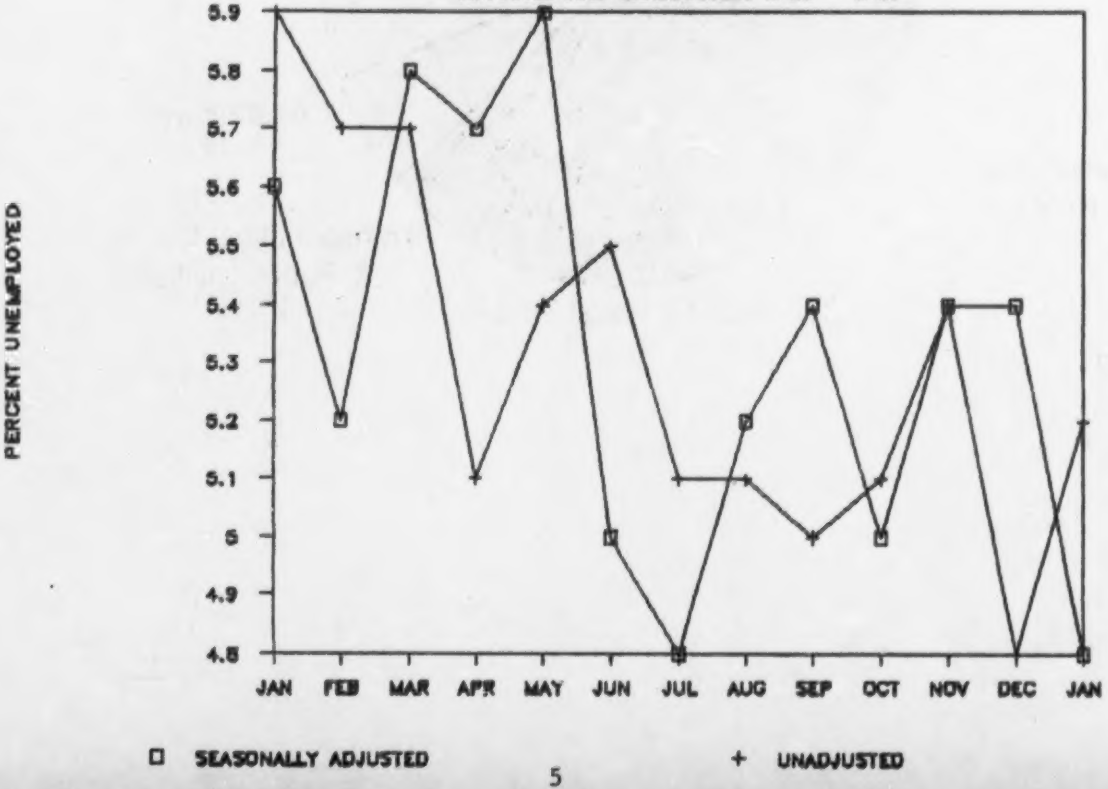
A COMPARISON: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

N.C. AND THE U.S. JAN 1986 – JAN 1987



NORTH CAROLINA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

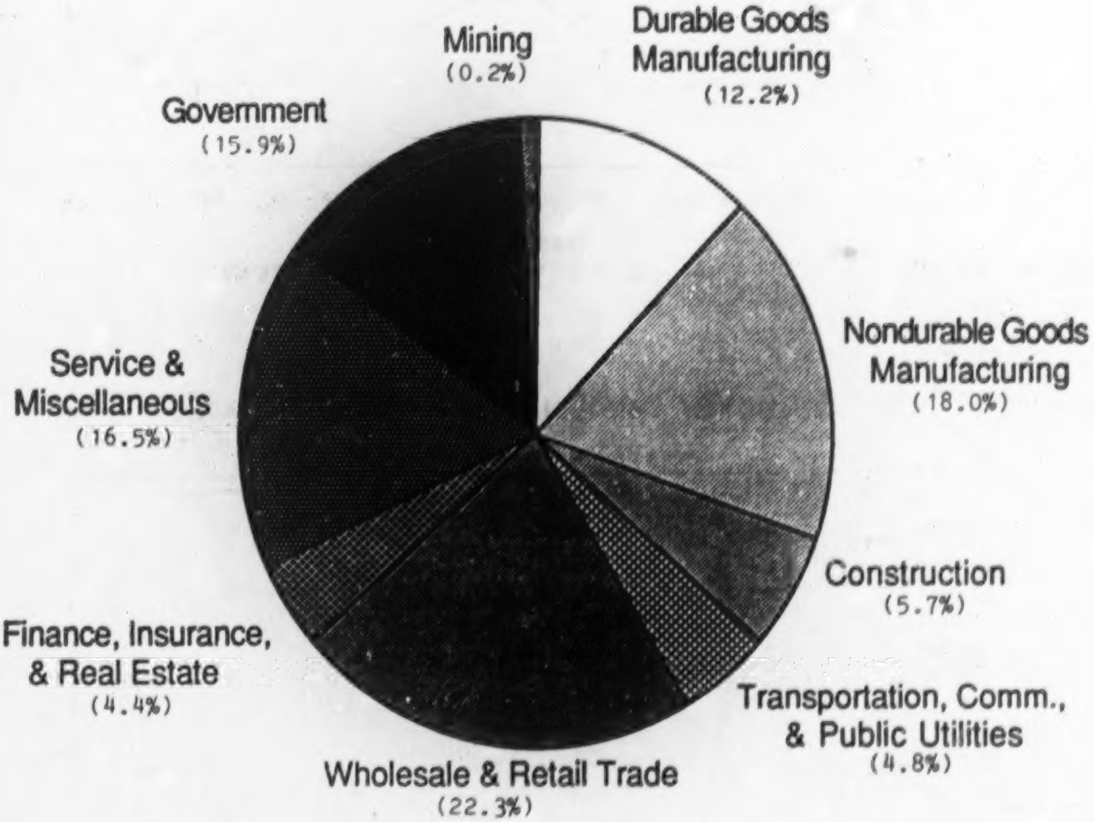
ADJUSTED AND UNADJUSTED: 1/86 – 1/87



COMPOSITION OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA

January 1987

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

January 1987

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Jan. 1987 (Thous.)	Dec.* 1986 (Thous.)	Jan.* 1986 (Thous.)	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,757.6	2,796.8	2,673.8	- 1.4	+ 3.1
MANUFACTURING	834.4	836.6	827.2	- 0.3	+ 0.9
DURABLE GOODS	337.4	339.1	339.0	- 0.5	- 0.5
Lumber & Wood Products	37.1	37.3	37.5	- 0.5	- 1.1
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.4	12.4	12.6	0	- 1.6
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.8	8.8	9.1	0	- 3.3
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.6	5.8	5.5	- 3.4	+ 1.8
Furniture & Fixtures	86.3	86.3	84.0	0	+ 2.7
Household Furniture	76.6	76.5	74.1	+ 0.1	+ 3.4
Wood Household Furniture	37.7	37.6	36.1	+ 0.3	+ 4.4
Upholstered Household Furniture	32.6	32.7	31.7	- 0.3	+ 2.8
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	20.8	20.8	19.9	0	+ 4.5
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.8	2.5	- 3.6	+ 8.0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	6.0	6.0	5.7	0	+ 5.3
Primary Metal Industries	11.0	11.0	11.4	0	- 3.5
Fabricated Metal Products	25.9	26.3	26.4	- 1.5	- 1.9
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.4	8.6	8.8	- 2.3	- 4.5
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	56.3	56.1	57.1	+ 0.4	- 1.4
Special Industry Machinery	7.3	7.3	6.9	0	+ 5.8
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	58.7	59.8	62.7	- 1.8	- 6.4
Household Appliances	5.8	6.3	5.3	- 7.9	+ 9.4
Transportation Equipment	24.4	24.5	23.6	- 0.4	+ 3.4
Other Durable Goods 2/	17.0	16.7	16.6	+ 1.8	+ 2.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	497.0	497.5	488.2	- 0.1	+ 1.8
Food & Kindred Products	46.3	46.6	45.6	- 0.6	+ 1.5
Meat Products	20.8	21.0	19.5	- 1.0	+ 6.7
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Dairy Products	3.0	3.0	3.0	0	0
Grain Mill Products	2.8	2.7	2.9	+ 3.7	- 3.4
Bakery Products	8.1	8.2	7.9	- 1.2	+ 2.5
Beverages	5.8	6.0	5.9	- 3.3	- 1.7
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.5	25.9	26.5	- 1.5	- 3.8
Cigarettes	20.5	20.5	20.5	0	0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.5	4.9	5.5	- 8.2	- 18.2
Textile Mill Products	214.0	213.5	208.7	+ 0.2	+ 2.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	52.7	52.7	54.1	0	- 2.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	29.0	28.9	30.0	+ 0.3	- 3.3
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	23.0	23.2	23.5	- 0.9	- 2.1
Knitting Mills	79.0	79.0	76.0	0	+ 3.9
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.0	25.0	24.9	0	+ 0.4
Hosiery, NEC	23.7	23.9	22.6	- 0.8	+ 4.9
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.0	13.8	12.8	+ 1.4	+ 9.4
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.2	6.2	6.0	0	+ 3.3
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	15.1	14.9	14.6	+ 1.3	+ 3.4
Yarn & Thread Mills	52.5	52.2	50.0	+ 0.6	+ 5.0

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OR NORTH CAROLINA 1/

January 1987

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Jan. 1987 (Thous.)	Dec.* 1986 (Thous.)	Jan.* 1986 (Thous.)	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986
Apparel & Other Textile Products	88.6	89.3	87.4	- 0.8	+ 1.4
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furn.	31.3	31.2	29.7	+ 0.3	+ 5.4
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	36.3	36.7	37.6	- 1.1	- 3.5
Paper & Allied Products	22.0	22.1	22.0	- 0.5	0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.2	10.2	10.4	0	- 1.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.7	7.8	7.6	- 1.3	+ 1.3
Printing & Publishing	28.0	27.7	27.0	+ 1.1	+ 3.7
Newspapers	10.1	10.1	9.9	0	+ 2.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.4	37.3	37.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.5	12.5	13.2	0	- 5.3
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	31.0	30.9	29.4	+ 0.3	+ 5.4
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.3	4.3	4.3	0	0
NONMANUFACTURING	1,923.2	1,960.2	1,846.6	- 1.9	+ 4.1
MINING	4.7	4.7	4.6	0	+ 2.2
CONSTRUCTION	155.9	160.2	148.3	- 2.7	+ 5.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	131.8	135.7	129.3	- 2.9	+ 1.9
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	71.0	74.6	70.3	- 4.8	+ 1.0
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	56.6	56.8	54.5	- 0.4	+ 3.9
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	615.4	633.8	589.2	- 2.9	+ 4.4
Wholesale Trade	142.0	142.5	139.9	- 0.4	+ 1.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	87.0	87.1	85.5	- 0.1	+ 1.8
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	55.0	55.5	54.4	- 0.9	+ 1.1
Retail Trade	473.4	491.2	449.3	- 3.6	+ 5.4
General Merchandise Stores	65.0	72.6	61.6	- 10.5	+ 5.5
Food Stores	78.4	78.5	72.6	- 0.1	+ 8.0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	121.9	121.8	113.1	+ 0.1	+ 7.8
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	455.6	461.7	432.3	- 1.3	+ 5.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	24.5	25.7	22.5	- 4.7	+ 8.9
Personal Services	26.9	27.0	26.7	- 0.4	+ 0.7
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.6	11.8	11.8	- 1.7	- 1.7
Health Services	119.1	118.2	112.8	+ 0.8	+ 5.6
Hospitals	45.7	45.6	43.8	+ 0.2	+ 4.3
Legal Services	10.8	11.0	10.3	- 1.8	+ 4.9
Educational Services	31.2	32.9	32.2	- 5.2	- 3.1
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	437.9	442.4	429.8	- 1.0	+ 1.9
Federal	51.7	52.1	52.4	- 0.8	- 1.3
State	124.7	128.5	122.5	- 3.0	+ 1.8
Education	64.9	68.6	62.7	- 5.4	+ 3.5
Other	59.7	59.9	59.8	- 0.3	- 0.2
Local	261.5	261.7	254.9	- 0.1	+ 2.6
Education	140.8	141.0	139.1	- 0.1	+ 1.2
Other	120.6	120.8	115.8	- 0.2	+ 4.1

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

Compiled by Labor Market Information Division in cooperation with USDOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

*Revised

Seasonally Adjusted

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

January 1987

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT January 1987 (Thous)	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT December* 1986 (Thous)	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT January 1986 (Thous)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM: December 1986	PERCENT CHANGE FROM: January 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,792.3	2,779.5	2,706.3	+ 0.5	+ 3.2
MANUFACTURING	840.3	836.2	831.7	+ 0.5	+ 1.0
DURABLE GOODS	339.4	337.6	342.2	+ 0.5	- 0.8
Lumber & Wood Products	37.9	37.5	36.3	+ 1.1	+ 4.4
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.7	12.4	12.2	+ 2.4	+ 4.1
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.9	8.9	8.4	0	+ 6.0
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.8	6.0	5.8	- 3.3	0
Furniture & Fixtures	85.4	85.6	84.1	- 0.2	+ 1.5
Household Furniture	75.9	75.7	74.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.7
Wood Household Furniture	37.7	37.9	37.3	- 0.5	+ 1.1
Upholstered Household Furniture	32.5	32.5	31.4	0	+ 3.5
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	21.3	21.0	19.8	+ 1.4	+ 7.6
Structural Clay Products	2.9	2.9	2.7	0	+ 7.4
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	6.2	6.0	5.7	+ 3.3	+ 8.8
Primary Metal Industries	11.1	11.0	10.8	+ 0.9	+ 2.8
Fabricated Metal Products	26.0	26.2	26.9	- 0.8	- 3.3
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.5	8.6	8.4	- 1.2	+ 1.2
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	56.6	55.5	56.8	+ 2.0	- 0.4
Special Industry Machinery	7.2	7.1	6.9	+ 1.4	+ 4.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	59.4	59.4	66.7	0	-10.9
Household Appliances	6.4	6.2	5.5	+ 3.2	+16.4
Transportation Equipment	24.6	24.8	28.9	- 0.8	+ 2.9
Other Durable Goods 2/	17.1	16.6	16.9	+ 3.0	+ 1.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	500.9	498.6	489.5	+ 0.5	+ 2.3
Food & Kindred Products	47.2	46.3	46.8	+ 1.9	+ 0.9
Meat Products	21.0	20.9	19.9	+ 0.5	+ 5.5
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.4	2.5	+ 4.2	0
Dairy Products	3.1	3.0	3.1	+ 3.3	0
Grain Mill Products	2.8	2.7	2.5	+ 3.7	+12.0
Bakery Products	8.2	8.2	7.8	0	+ 5.1
Beverages	5.9	6.0	60	- 1.7	- 1.7
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.3	25.6	25.9	- 1.2	- 2.3
Cigarettes	20.4	20.4	20.3	0	+ 0.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.4	4.7	5.0	- 6.4	-12.0
Textile Mill Products	215.9	214.6	207.4	+ 0.6	+ 4.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	52.8	5.25	54.1	+ 0.6	- 2.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton	28.8	28.7	28.5	+ 0.3	+ 1.1
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	23.1	23.2	24.9	- 0.4	- 7.2
Knitting Mills	80.3	79.8	75.9	+ 0.6	+ 5.8
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.1	25.0	25.0	+ 0.4	+ 0.4
Hosiery, NEC	24.3	24.4	23.2	- 0.4	+ 4.7
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.3	13.9	12.9	+ 2.9	+ 3.1
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.3	6.3	6.2	0	+ 1.6
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	15.3	14.9	14.7	+ 2.7	+ 4.1
Yarn & Thread Mills	52.7	52.3	48.3	+ 0.8	+ 4.4

Seasonally Adjusted

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

January 1987

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	January 1987 (Thous)	December* 1986 (Thous)	January 1986 (Thous)	December 1986	January 1986
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.4	89.6	89.7	- 0.2	- 0.3
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furn.	31.5	31.6	30.1	- 0.3	+ 4.7
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	36.7	36.7	38.8	0	- 5.4
Paper & Allied Products	21.8	22.0	22.4	- 0.9	- 2.7
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.0	10.1	10.8	- 1.0	- 7.4
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.7	7.8	7.7	- 1.3	0
Printing & Publishing	27.7	27.5	26.4	+ 0.7	+ 4.9
Newspapers	10.1	10.1	9.7	0	+ 4.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.6	37.4	37.0	+ 0.5	+ 1.6
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.5	12.6	13.1	- 0.8	- 4.6
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	31.6	31.3	29.5	+ 1.0	+ 7.1
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.4	4.3	4.4	+ 2.3	0
NONMANUFACTURING	1,952.0	1,943.3	1,874.6	+ 0.4	+ 4.1
MINING	4.9	4.7	4.7	+ 4.3	+ 4.3
CONSTRUCTION	166.6	161.5	161.1	+ 3.2	+ 3.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	133.4	135.4	129.8	- 1.5	+ 2.8
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	72.4	74.2	70.4	- 2.4	+ 2.8
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	56.7	56.8	54.7	- 0.2	+ 3.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	624.0	619.4	591.0	+ 4.6	+ 5.6
Wholesale Trade	143.9	143.4	139.7	+ 0.3	+ 3.0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	87.4	87.3	83.8	+ 0.1	+ 4.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	56.5	56.1	55.9	+ 0.7	+ 1.1
Retail Trade	480.1	476.0	451.3	+ 0.9	+ 6.4
General Merchandise Stores	64.5	63.2	60.2	+ 2.1	+ 7.1
Food Stores	78.6	77.5	71.5	+ 1.4	+ 9.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	123.1	122.7	112.4	+ 0.3	+ 9.5
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	464.8	468.3	443.0	- 0.7	+ 4.9
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	27.8	27.5	28.3	+ 1.1	- 1.8
Personal Services	26.3	27.2	26.9	- 3.3	- 2.2
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.6	11.7	11.6	- 0.9	0
Health Services	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Hospitals	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Legal Services	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Educational Services	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	435.2	431.3	432.6	+ 0.9	+ 0.6
Federal	52.1	52.1	53.0	0	- 1.7
State	126.5	123.7	129.2	+ 2.8	- 2.1
Education	65.9	62.9	68.6	+ 4.8	- 3.9
Other	60.6	60.8	60.6	- 0.3	0
Local	256.6	255.5	250.4	+ 0.4	+ 2.5
Education	134.0	133.0	130.0	+ 0.8	+ 3.1
Other	122.6	122.5	120.4	+ 0.1	+ 1.8

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

*Revised.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

Compiled by Labor Market Information Division in cooperation with USDOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

January, 1987

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	January 1987	December* 1986	January* 1986	December 1986	January 1986
MANUFACTURING	661.5	663.8	654.5	- 0.3	+ 1.1
DURABLE GOODS	254.7	256.6	256.2	- 0.7	- 0.7
Lumber & Wood Products	31.5	31.7	32.2	- 0.6	- 2.2
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.5	7.5	7.9	0	- 5.1
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.5	4.7	4.4	- 4.3	+ 2.3
Furniture & Fixtures	75.6	75.6	74.2	0	+ 1.9
Household Furniture	67.6	67.5	66.0	+ 0.1	+ 2.4
Wood Household Furniture	34.3	34.2	33.2	+ 0.3	+ 3.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	16.7	16.7	16.1	0	+ 3.7
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	+ 10.0
Primary Metal Industries	8.1	8.2	8.5	- 1.2	- 4.7
Fabricated Metal Products	19.4	19.7	19.6	- 1.5	- 1.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	28.6	28.6	28.5	0	+ 0.4
Special Industry Machinery	5.0	5.0	4.7	0	+ 6.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	42.4	43.7	45.6	- 3.0	- 7.0
Household Appliances	5.2	5.7	4.7	- 8.8	+ 10.6
Transportation Equipment	19.6	19.9	18.9	- 1.5	+ 3.7
NONDURABLE GOODS	406.8	407.2	398.3	- 0.1	+ 2.1
Food & Kindred Products	32.8	33.0	31.9	- 0.6	+ 2.8
Meat Products	18.6	18.7	17.3	- 0.5	+ 7.5
Meat Packing	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Dairy Products	1.6	1.5	1.5	+ 6.7	+ 6.7
Grain Mill Products	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Bakery Products	4.6	4.6	4.4	0	+ 4.5
Beverages	2.3	2.4	2.3	- 4.2	0
Tobacco Manufacturers	19.9	20.2	20.5	- 1.5	- 2.9
Cigarettes	15.8	15.9	16.2	- 0.6	- 2.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.6	3.9	3.9	- 7.7	- 7.7
Textile Mill Products	189.3	188.8	184.3	+ 0.3	+ 2.7
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	46.8	46.7	47.7	+ 0.2	- 1.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton	25.5	25.4	26.2	+ 0.4	- 2.7
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	20.7	20.8	21.0	- 0.5	- 1.4
Knitting Mills	69.9	69.9	67.2	0	+ 4.0
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.3	22.3	22.4	0	- 0.4
Hosiery, NEC	21.4	21.6	20.5	- 0.9	+ 4.4
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	12.0	11.9	10.8	+ 0.8	+ 11.1
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.5	5.4	5.3	+ 1.9	+ 3.8
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	12.7	12.5	12.4	+ 1.6	+ 2.4
Yarn & Thread Mills	47.6	47.4	45.5	+ 0.4	+ 4.6
Apparel & Other Textile Products	77.5	78.1	76.7	- 0.8	+ 1.0
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	27.3	27.3	26.2	0	+ 4.2
Women's & Children's Garments	31.6	32.0	32.7	- 1.2	- 3.4
Paper & Allied Products	16.5	16.6	16.5	- 0.6	0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.3	7.2	7.6	+ 1.4	- 3.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.8	5.9	5.8	- 1.7	0
Printing & Publishing	17.3	17.1	16.7	+ 1.2	+ 3.6
Newspapers	3.9	3.9	3.7	0	+ 5.4
Chemicals & Allied Products	24.4	24.4	24.2	0	+ 0.8
Plastic Materials & Synthetics	8.9	8.9	9.0	0	- 1.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	25.5	25.4	24.0	+ 0.4	+ 6.2
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.6	3.6	3.5	0	+ 2.9

1/ Current data are preliminary. *Revised

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products."

Compiled by the Labor Market Information Division in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

January 1987

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Jan. 1987	Dec.* 1986	Jan.* 1986	Jan. 1987	Dec.* 1986	Jan.* 1986	Jan. 1987	Dec.* 1986	Jan.* 1986
MANUFACTURING	$312.98	$320.32	$301.32	40.7	41.6	40.5	$ 7.69	$ 7.70	7.44
DURABLE GOODS	326.72	334.74	314.00	41.2	42.0	41.1	7.93	7.97	7.64
Lumber & Wood Products	276.97	278.39	262.44	41.4	41.8	40.5	6.69	6.66	6.48
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	277.07	274.45	262.86	42.3	41.9	41.2	6.55	6.55	6.38
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	284.13	285.61	275.48	38.5	38.7	38.8	7.38	7.38	7.10
Furniture & Fixtures	281.87	289.78	267.81	39.7	40.7	39.5	7.10	7.12	6.78
Household Furniture	282.09	289.27	266.23	39.9	40.8	39.5	7.07	7.09	6.74
Wood Household Furniture	272.65	270.91	258.24	41.0	40.8	40.1	6.65	6.64	6.44
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	355.74	353.64	332.83	42.3	42.1	41.5	8.41	8.40	8.02
Structural Clay Products	299.75	298.58	279.39	42.7	42.9	41.7	7.02	6.96	6.70
Primary Metal Industries	388.80	391.07	379.76	43.2	43.5	43.6	9.00	8.99	8.71
Fabricated Metal Products	357.41	359.97	332.00	41.9	42.2	41.5	8.53	8.53	8.00
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	360.38	386.32	351.96	42.8	43.9	42.1	8.42	8.80	8.36
Special Industry Machinery	353.93	365.09	332.27	42.9	44.2	41.9	8.25	8.26	7.93
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	369.93	374.48	355.75	41.8	42.7	42.1	8.85	8.77	8.45
Household Appliances	257.91	263.04	276.62	38.9	41.1	40.5	6.63	6.40	6.83
Transportation Equipment	367.92	376.61	363.72	42.0	42.7	43.3	8.76	8.82	8.40
NONDURABLE GOODS	304.62	311.33	293.13	40.4	41.4	40.1	7.54	7.52	7.31
Food & Kindred Products	267.42	273.22	274.39	38.7	39.2	41.2	6.91	6.97	6.66
Meat Products	214.53	220.70	234.11	36.3	36.6	41.0	5.91	6.03	5.71
Meat Packing	305.34	346.63	342.78	39.5	42.9	43.5	7.73	8.08	7.88
Dairy Products	307.45	285.38	286.12	43.0	41.3	42.2	7.15	6.91	6.78
Grain Mill Products	341.10	345.33	329.68	45.0	45.8	45.1	7.58	7.54	7.31
Bakery Products	312.38	317.05	291.01	42.1	42.5	40.7	7.42	7.46	7.15
Beverages	466.75	485.81	495.13	40.8	41.7	42.5	11.44	11.65	11.65
Tobacco Manufacturers	513.13	517.35	476.26	36.6	37.3	36.3	14.02	13.87	13.12
Cigarettes	587.29	595.41	549.03	37.1	37.4	36.7	15.83	15.92	14.96
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	209.92	220.93	190.30	34.3	36.7	34.6	6.12	6.02	5.50
Textile Mill Products	283.14	291.29	267.81	41.7	42.9	40.7	6.79	6.79	6.58
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	315.33	334.08	285.65	42.1	43.9	39.4	7.49	7.61	7.25
Weaving Mills, Cotton	309.14	336.69	279.32	41.0	43.5	37.9	7.54	7.74	7.37
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	322.09	331.53	293.34	43.4	44.5	41.2	7.43	7.45	7.12
Knitting Mills	254.47	253.56	245.17	40.2	40.7	39.8	6.33	6.23	6.16
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	236.77	244.17	240.98	39.2	40.9	39.7	6.04	5.97	6.07
Hosiery, NEC	231.88	231.49	225.90	37.1	38.2	37.4	6.25	6.06	6.04
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	296.44	299.84	276.60	42.9	43.9	42.1	6.91	6.83	6.57
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	326.18	314.62	308.67	47.0	46.2	44.8	6.94	6.81	6.89
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	289.82	317.76	278.64	41.7	45.2	40.5	6.95	7.03	6.88
Yarn & Thread Mills	287.95	293.49	270.94	43.3	44.2	42.6	6.65	6.64	6.36
Apparel & Other Textile Products	200.63	206.80	195.52	37.5	38.8	37.6	5.35	5.33	5.20
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	200.37	210.98	197.53	36.9	38.5	37.2	5.43	5.48	5.31
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	186.00	187.49	184.35	36.9	37.8	37.7	5.00	4.96	4.89
Paper & Allied Products	484.44	516.58	517.50	44.0	46.0	45.0	11.01	11.23	11.50
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	646.35	698.89	656.18	46.5	48.1	45.6	13.90	14.53	14.39
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	368.07	395.40	369.95	43.1	46.3	44.2	8.54	8.54	8.37
Printing & Publishing	337.04	360.69	332.54	37.7	40.3	39.4	8.94	8.95	8.44
Newspapers	263.27	284.74	258.23	30.9	34.1	31.3	8.52	8.35	8.25
Chemicals & Allied Products	452.98	437.00	405.98	43.1	42.1	41.3	10.51	10.38	9.83
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	525.09	494.42	454.68	45.7	43.6	42.1	11.49	11.34	10.80
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	392.18	388.33	379.86	41.5	41.4	41.2	9.45	9.38	9.22
MINING	380.51	358.44	375.92	45.9	43.5	45.9	8.29	8.24	8.19
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	517.44	501.23	485.55	42.0	41.7	41.5	12.32	12.02	11.70
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	200.98	207.60	201.50	31.8	32.9	32.5	6.32	6.31	6.20
Wholesale Trade	320.23	327.58	314.42	39.1	39.9	39.7	8.19	8.21	7.92
Retail Trade	168.37	176.34	169.89	29.8	31.1	30.5	5.65	5.67	5.57
General Merchandise Stores	154.25	172.82	149.60	27.3	29.9	27.2	5.65	5.78	5.50
Variety Stores									
Food Stores	182.75	186.12	185.02	31.4	32.2	31.9	5.82	5.78	5.80
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	130.00	140.93	133.98	28.2	29.3	29.0	4.61	4.81	4.62
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	192.19	201.91	193.60	33.6	35.8	35.2	5.72	5.64	5.50

1/ Current month data are preliminary. *Revised

2/ Information not available. Compiled by the Labor Market Information Division in cooperation with the U. S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

8/14/87 S5 [illegible] -5 (4)

State Labor Summary
NORTH CAROLINA

February 1987

Employment Security Commission
of North Carolina
Labor Market Information Division

For more information regarding Labor Market Information, you may contact:

Labor Market Information Division
Employment Security Commission of North Carolina
700 Wade Avenue
Post Office Box 25903
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

Telephone: (919) 733-2936

One thousand copies of this public
document were printed at a cost of
$80.00, or $.08 per copy.

State Labor Summary: North Carolina

February 1987

Project Supervisor:
Joe Richardson

Labor Market Information Division
Employment Security Commission of North Carolina
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

State Labor Summary: North Carolina

February 1987

HIGHLIGHTS

THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN NORTH CAROLINA (seasonally adjusted) increased slightly from 4.8 percent in January 1987 to 5.1 percent in February 1987. Over the year the unemployment rate was down 0.1 percent from the February 1986 rate of 5.2.

BOTH EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT rose from January to February. While employment grew by seven thousand, the number of unemployed amounted to 12,000. From February a year ago employment boasted an increase of 85,000, and during the same period the unemployed grew by 1,000.

THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 19,000 persons from January to February as both the numbers employed and unemployed grew.

THE NUMBER OF WEEKS CLAIMED FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS was down 8,832 from January. Significant decreases in the number of weeks claimed were notable in textiles (-7,449) and in apparel (-3,492). Weeks claimed by construction workers were up by 4,784.

DURING FEBRUARY 8,751 INDIVIDUALS WERE PLACED IN JOBS THROUGH NORTH CAROLINA'S JOB SERVICE CENTERS. More than half were placed in the manufacturing sector. The largest numbers of persons were placed in benchwork occupations (1,590).

THE NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING was up over the year, but experienced a slight decrease from a month ago. In durable goods the largest gain in production workers was in structural clay products (+4.8) for the month and year. Other nondurable goods (petroleum and leather and leather products) showed the greatest gain in production workers, up 5.7 percent. Production worker losses were significant in household appliances (-13.5) and tobacco stemming and redrying (-22.2).

WORKERS IN THE CIGARETTE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY were the highest wage earners in February. Average hourly earnings reached $15.97 for a small monthly gain. Average weekly earnings were highest among employees in pulp, paper, and paperboard mills. Weekly earnings at $641.63, were down slightly from January.

PRODUCTION WORKERS IN WARP KNIT FABRIC MILLS worked an average of 46.6 hours per week, the highest recorded for the month. The shortest average workweek was experienced by nonsupervisory workers in general merchandise stores.

Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

February 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: One Year Prior	Time Series Data: September 1986 to February 1987					
	Feb. 1986	Sep. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,726	4,773	4,780	4,785	4,792	4,802	4,809
Civilian Labor Force	3,204	3,207	3,206	3,201	3,221	3,271	3,290
Participation Rate 1/	67.8	67.2	67.1	66.9	67.2	68.1	68.4
Employed	3,037	3,034	3,041	3,029	3,048	3,115	3,122
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	64.3	63.6	63.6	63.3	63.6	64.9	64.9
Unemployed	167	173	165	172	173	156	168
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.4	5.1	5.4	5.4	4.8	5.1
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: One Year Prior	Time Series Data: December 1986 to February 1987		
	Feb. 1986	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,726	4,792	4,802	4,809
Civilian Labor Force	3,173	3,219	3,227	3,259
Participation Rate 1/	67.1	67.2	67.2	67.8
Employed	2,991	3,063	3,058	3,078
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	63.3	63.9	63.7	64.0
Unemployed	181	155	169	181
Unemployment Rate	5.7	4.8	5.2	5.6
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.5	1.9	2.8	INA*

* Information not available.

1/ The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

2/ The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.

3/ The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

February 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: One Year Prior	Time Series Data: September 1986 to February 1987					
	Feb. 1986	Sep. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	179,821	180,997	181,186	181,363	181,547	181,827	181,998
Civilian Labor Force	117,042	118,272	118,414	118,675	118,586	119,034	119,349
Participation Rate 1/	65.1	65.3	65.4	65.4	65.3	65.5	65.6
Employed	108,557	109,987	110,192	110,432	110,637	111,011	111,382
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	60.4	60.8	60.8	60.9	60.9	61.1	61.2
Unemployed	8,485	8,285	8,222	8,243	7,949	8,023	7,967
Unemployment Rate	7.2	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.7	6.7	6.7
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.7	INA*

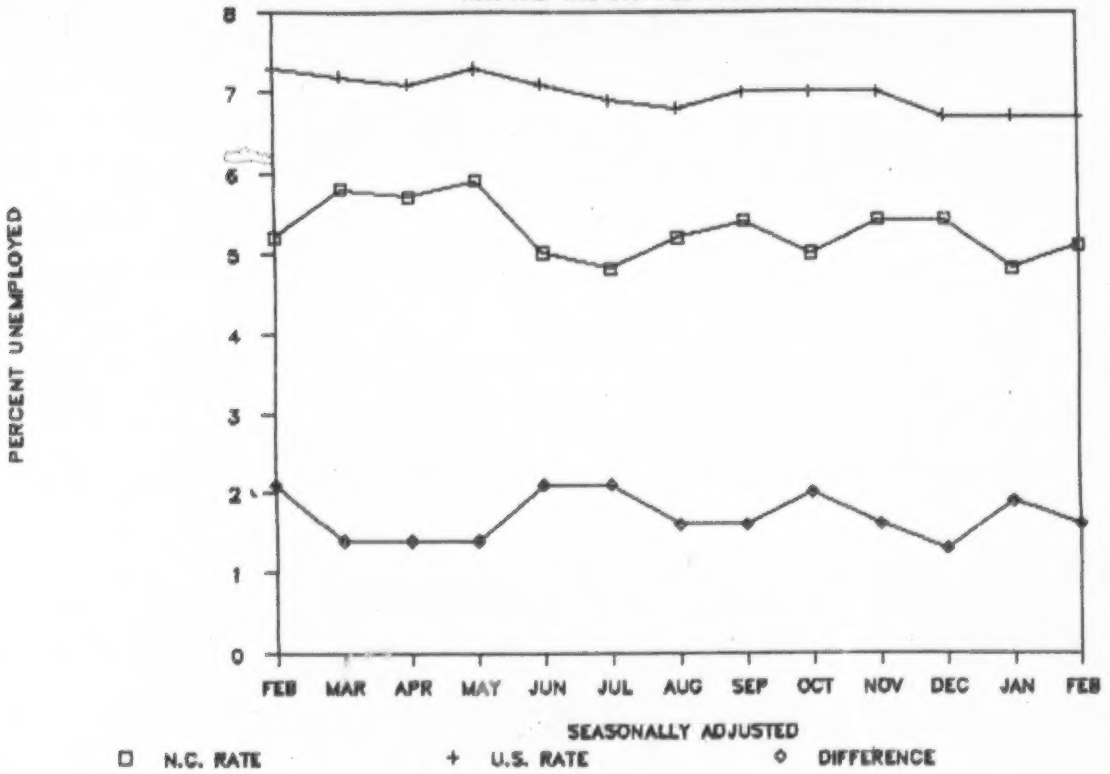
Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: One Year Prior	Time Series Data: December 1986 to February 1987		
	Feb. 1986	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	179,821	181,547	181,827	181,998
Civilian Labor Force	115,725	118,049	117,703	117,967
Participation Rate 1/	64.4	65.0	64.7	64.8
Employed	106,685	110,588	109,084	109,464
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	59.3	60.9	60.0	60.1
Unemployed	9,041	7,461	8,620	8,503
Unemployment Rate	7.8	6.3	7.3	7.2
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	3.4	2.6	3.3	INA*

* Information not available.

1/ The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

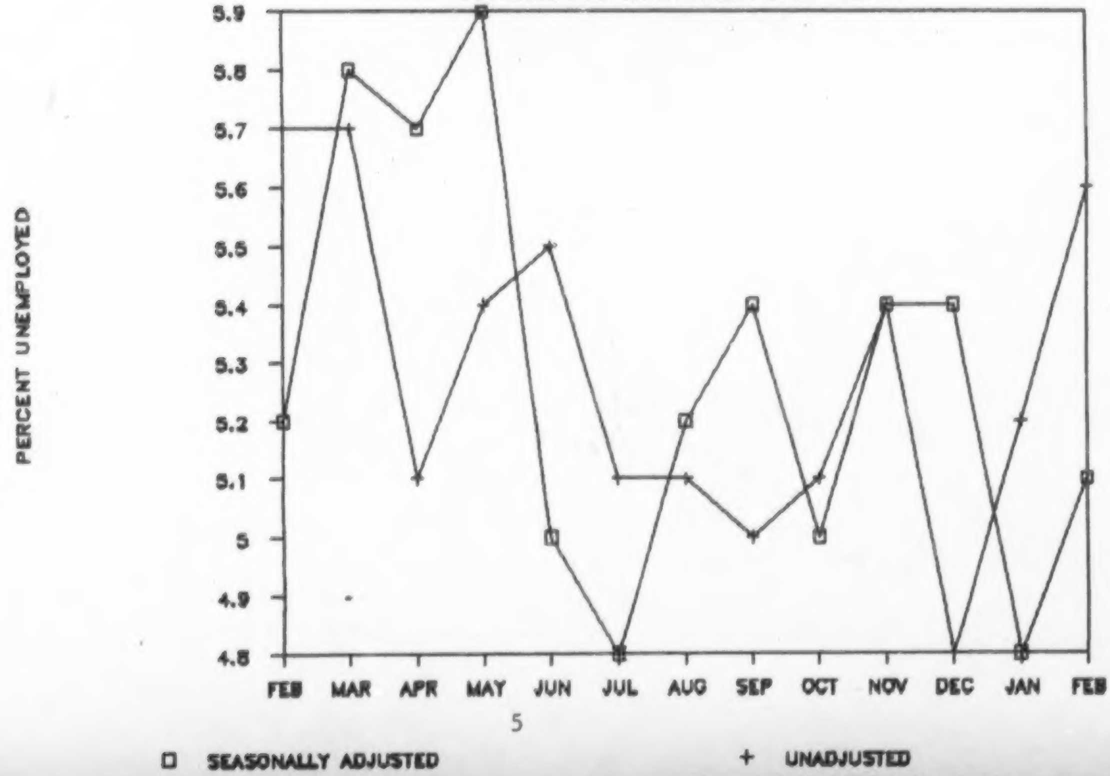
2/ The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.

3/ The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.



A COMPARISON: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

N.C. AND THE U.S. FEB 1986 – FEB 1987



NORTH CAROLINA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

ADJUSTED AND UNADJUSTED: 2/86 – 2/87

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA
(SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

FEBRUARY 1987 1/
(Numbers In Thousands)

Classification	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT Feb. 1987	Jan.* 1987	Feb.* 1986	CHANGE FROM: January 1987 Net	January 1987 Percent	February 1986 Net	February 1986 Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force 2/	3,259.5	3,226.6	3,172.5	+ 32.9	+ 1.0	+ 87.0	+ 2.7
Unemployment, Total	181.4	169.0	181.4	+ 12.4	+ 7.3	0	0
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	5.6	5.2	5.7	+ 0.4	xxx	- 0.1	xxx
Employment, Total	3,078.1	3,057.6	2,991.1	+ 20.5	+ 0.7	+ 87.0	+ 2.9
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force 2/	3,290.0	3,271.0	3,204.0	+ 19.0	+ 0.6	+ 86.0	+ 2.7
Unemployment, Total	168.0	156.0	167.0	+ 12.0	+ 7.7	+ 1.0	+ 0.6
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	5.1	4.8	5.2	+ 0.3	xxx	- 0.1	xxx
Employment, Total	3,122.0	3,115.0	3,037.0	+ 7.0	+ 0.2	+ 85.0	+ 2.8
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,796.7	2,790.8	2,706.6	+ 5.9	+ 0.2	+ 90.1	+ 3.3
Manufacturing	839.9	839.5	829.9	+ 0.4	**	+ 10.0	+ 1.2
Durable Goods	338.7	338.8	341.2	- 0.1	**	- 2.5	- 0.7
Lumber & Wood	37.9	37.8	36.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.7	+ 4.7
Furniture & Fixtures	86.5	85.8	84.8	+ 0.7	+ 0.8	+ 1.7	+ 2.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass	21.2	21.2	19.8	0.0	0.0	+ 1.4	+ 7.1
Primary Metals	11.4	11.1	10.8	+ 0.3	+ 2.7	+ 0.6	+ 5.6
Fabricated Metals	26.4	26.1	26.7	+ 0.3	+ 1.1	- 0.3	- 1.1
Machinery, Except Elec.	55.8	55.8	56.8	0.0	0.0	- 1.0	- 1.8
Electrical Machinery	57.9	59.3	65.5	- 1.4	- 2.4	- 7.6	- 11.6
Transportation Equipment	24.8	24.8	23.7	0.0	0.0	+ 1.1	+ 4.6
Other Durable Goods 3/	16.8	16.9	16.9	- 0.1	- 0.6	- 0.1	- 0.6

* Revised. **Less than 0.05 percent.

1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

2/ Data are compiled on the basis of "Place of Residency".

3/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

4/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

5/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services, Forestry, and Fisheries.

6/ This category includes Self-employed workers, unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA
(SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

FEBRUARY 1987 1/
(Numbers in Thousands)

	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE FROM:			
Classification	Feb. 1987	Jan.* 1987	Feb.* 1986	January 1987		February 1986	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Nondurable Goods	501.2	500.7	488.7	+ 0.5	+ 0.1	+ 12.5	+ 2.6
Food & Kindred Products	47.3	47.3	46.9	0.0	0.0	+ 0.4	+ 0.9
Tobacco Manufacturing	25.4	25.3	25.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	- 0.4	- 1.6
Textile Mill Products	217.1	216.0	206.8	+ 1.1	+ 0.5	+ 10.3	+ 5.0
Apparel & Related Products	89.5	89.6	88.9	- 0.1	- 0.1	+ 0.6	+ 0.7
Paper & Allied Products	21.7	21.8	22.2	- 0.1	- 0.5	- 0.5	- 2.3
Print., Pub., & Allied	27.6	27.7	27.1	- 0.1	- 0.4	+ 0.5	+ 1.8
Chemicals & Allied	37.2	37.5	37.1	- 0.3	- 0.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Prod.	31.0	31.2	29.4	- 0.2	- 0.6	+ 1.6	+ 5.4
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	4.4	4.3	4.5	+ 0.1	+ 2.3	- 0.1	- 2.2
Nonmanufacturing	1,956.8	1,951.3	1,876.7	+ 5.5	+ 0.3	+ 80.1	+ 4.3
Construction	165.2	166.7	160.1	- 1.5	- 0.9	+ 5.1	+ 3.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	133.1	133.4	130.0	- 0.3	- 0.2	+ 3.1	+ 2.4
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	72.2	72.4	70.7	- 0.2	- 0.3	+ 1.5	+ 2.1
Comm. & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	57.0	56.7	55.0	+ 0.3	+ 0.5	+ 2.0	+ 3.6

* Revised. **Less than 0.05 percent.

1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

2/ Data are compiled on the basis of "Place of Residency".

3/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

4/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

5/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services, Forestry, and Fisheries.

6/ This category includes self-employed workers,unpaid family workers,and domestic workers in private households.

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA
(SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

FEBRUARY 1987 1/
(Numbers in Thousands)

	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE FROM:			
				January 1987		February 1986	
Classification	Feb. 1987	Jan.* 1987	Feb.* 1986	Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Wholesale & Retail Trade	628.5	623.5	596.0	+ 5.0	+ 0.8	+ 32.5	+ 5.5
Wholesale Trade	144.5	144.0	140.4	+ 0.5	+ 0.3	+ 4.1	+ 2.9
Retail Trade	484.0	479.5	455.6	+ 4.5	+ 0.9	+ 28.4	+ 6.2
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate	123.4	123.2	112.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.2	+ 10.8	+ 9.6
Service & Miscellaneous 5/	466.9	464.7	445.3	+ 2.2	+ 0.5	+ 21.6	+ 4.9
Total Government	434.8	435.3	428.1	- 0.5	- 0.1	+ 6.7	+ 1.6
Federal	52.3	52.1	52.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	- 0.6	- 1.1
State	125.9	126.5	124.4	- 0.6	- 0.5	+ 1.5	+ 1.2
Local	256.6	256.7	250.8	- 0.1	**	+ 5.8	+ 2.3
Mining	4.9	4.5	4.6	+ 0.4	+ 8.9	+ 0.3	+ 6.5
All Other Nonag. Employment 6/	250.3	244.6	233.5	+ 5.7	+ 2.3	+ 16.8	+ 7.2
Agriculture	36.7	34.6	39.4	+ 2.1	+ 6.1	- 2.7	- 6.9

---

* Revised. **Less than 0.05 percent.

1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

2/ Data are compiled on the basis of "Place of Residency".

3/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

4/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

5/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services, Forestry, and Fisheries.

6/ This category includes self-employed workers,unpaid family workers,and domestic workers in private households.

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA: CLAIMS TAKING ACTIVITIES BY MAJOR INDUSTRY SECTOR 1/

FEBRUARY 1987

Industry of Primary Attachment	Insured Employment	Weekly Total	% of Insured Employment	Weeks Claimed Change From Previous Month Numerical	Weeks Claimed Change From Previous Month Percent
Total All Industries	2,609,836	64,340	2.5	- 8,832	- 12.1
Manufacturing Total	824,522	24,410	3.0	-14,421	- 37.1
Food Products	46,543	1,606	3.5	+ 99	+ 6.6
Tobacco	24,350	855	3.5	+ 207	+ 31.9
Textile Products	210,428	5,515	2.6	- 7,449	- 57.5
Apparel Products	84,845	4,308	5.1	- 3,492	- 44.8
Lumber and Wood	37,272	1,968	5.3	- 228	- 10.4
Furniture and Fixtures	84,259	1,659	2.0	- 895	- 35.0
Paper and Allied	21,554	354	1.6	+ 32	+ 9.9
Printing and Publishing	27,215	300	1.1	+ 21	+ 7.5
Chemicals and Allied	37,791	448	1.2	- 192	- 30.0
Rubber and Plastics	30,359	580	1.9	- 521	- 47.3
Leather Products	3,669	161	4.4	- 225	+ 58.3
Stone, Clay and Glass	19,730	884	4.5	+ 199	+ 29.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	37,586	989	2.6	- 243	- 19.7
Nonelectrical Machinery	57,086	1,325	2.3	- 335	- 20.2
Electrical and Electronic Machinery	61,519	2,310	3.8	- 636	- 21.6
Transportation Equipment	22,849	754	3.3	- 661	- 46.7
Other Manufacturing 2/	17,467	394	2.3	- 102	- 20.6
Construction	153,140	14,136	9.2	+ 4,784	+ 51.2
Transportation, Comm. and Utilities	126,609	1,936	1.5	+ 119	+ 6.5
Trade	604,139	8,759	1.4	- 6	- 0.1
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	111,997	1,041	0.9	+ 92	+ 9.7
Services	402,715	5,205	1.3	+ 123	+ 2.4
State Government	111,497	1,018	0.9	+ 77	+ 8.2
Local Government	247,519	1,708	0.7	- 2	- 0.1
Other 3/	XXX	6,127	XXX	+ 402	+ 7.0

1/ These include new and additional claims. Additional claims are claims which are reopened during the course of an established benefit year.

2/ "Other Manufacturing" includes Petroleum Refining, Instruments, and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

3/ "Other" includes persons who filed but did not establish a benefit year due to insufficient industry attachment and/or the lack of determination of industry attachment; it also includes Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Mining industry employees.

INDIVIDUALS PLACED IN JOBS BY THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORIES AND INDUSTRIAL DIVISIONS

FEBRUARY 1987 1/

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed 2/	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs 2/, 3/	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction	Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Services	Public Administration	Government
Total	8,751	8,583	115	9	821	4,532	293	1,668	128	1,651	354	558
Professional, Technical, and Managerial Occupation	285	278	2	2	3	42	7	45	11	120	48	99
Clerical Occupations	1,346	1,336	1	0	23	172	78	566	71	280	202	243
Sales Occupations	326	319	0	0	2	12	10	243	13	42	0	1
Domestic Service Occupations	96	73	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	72	0	7
Other Service Occupations	1,362	1,273	0	0	8	82	2	513	16	626	66	123
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related Occupations	162	146	95	0	0	12	0	5	7	25	4	11
Processing Occupations	729	726	1	0	1	677	0	5	0	47	0	2
Machine Trade Occupations	1,172	1,173	0	1	18	1,055	6	32	1	63	4	4
Benchwork Occupations	1,590	1,581	0	0	2	1,470	1	18	0	94	3	29
Structural Work Occupations	1,278	1,258	1	0	732	386	24	45	9	88	14	23
Motor Freight and Transportation Occupations	273	253	3	1	32	34	77	77	0	38	8	13
Packaging and Materials Handling Occupations	1,436	1,323	12	2	11	863	91	174	0	209	4	4
Miscellaneous Occupations	31	28	0	3	0	10	3	1	1	7	4	3

1/ The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1986 to June 30, 1987.

2/ The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for each industrial division do count each placement of an individual.

3/ A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

APPENDIX

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-Supervisory Workers in North Carolina

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina
February 1987 1/
(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment Feb. 1987	 Jan.* 1987	 Feb. 1986	Percent Change From: Jan. 1987	 Feb. 1986
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,762.8	2,756.9	2,681.7	+ 0.2	+ 3.0
Manufacturing	833.7	834.0	828.0	**	+ 0.7
Durable Goods	336.7	337.0	339.2	- 0.1	- 0.7
Lumber and Wood Products	37.1	37.0	37.6	+ 0.3	- 1.3
Furniture and Fixtures	87.0	86.7	84.5	+ 0.3	+ 3.0
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	20.8	20.7	19.8	+ 0.5	+ 5.1
Primary Metal Industries	11.1	11.0	11.3	+ 0.9	- 1.8
Fabricated Metal Products	26.1	26.0	26.4	+ 0.4	- 1.1
Machinery, exc. Electrical	55.5	55.5	57.1	0.0	- 2.8
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	57.6	58.6	62.5	- 1.7	- 7.8
Transportation Equipment	24.8	24.6	23.3	+ 0.8	+ 6.4
Other Durable Goods 2/	16.7	16.8	16.6	- 0.6	+ 0.6
Nondurable Goods	497.0	497.0	488.8	0.0	+ 1.7
Food and Kindred Products	46.3	46.4	45.9	- 0.2	+ 0.9
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.6	25.5	25.4	- 3.5	- 3.1
Textile Mill Products	215.4	214.1	209.3	+ 0.6	+ 2.9
Apparel and Other Textile Products	88.9	88.8	87.9	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Paper and Allied Products	21.8	22.0	22.0	- 0.9	- 0.9
Printing and Publishing	27.9	28.0	27.2	- 0.4	+ 2.6
Chemicals and Allied Products	37.1	37.3	37.3	- 0.5	- 0.5
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	30.6	30.6	29.7	0.0	+ 3.0
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.3	4.2	4.3	+ 2.4	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	1,929.1	1,922.9	1,853.7	+ 0.3	+ 4.1
Mining	4.7	4.7	4.6	0.0	+ 2.2
Construction	154.5	156.0	146.7	- 1.0	+ 5.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	132.2	131.8	129.7	+ 0.3	+ 1.9
Transportation, exc. Railroad	71.4	71.0	70.7	+ 0.6	+ 1.0
Comm. and Electric, Gas, and San. Ser.	56.7	56.7	54.4	0.0	+ 4.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	612.2	614.9	586.6	- 0.4	+ 4.4
Wholesale Trade	142.2	142.1	140.4	+ 0.1	+ 1.3
Retail Trade	470.0	472.8	445.8	- 0.6	+ 5.4
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	122.3	122.0	113.7	+ 0.2	+ 7.6
Service and Miscellaneous 4/	459.0	455.4	436.3	+ 0.8	+ 5.2
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	24.8	24.5	22.8	+ 1.2	+ 8.8
Total Government	444.2	438.0	436.3	+ 1.4	+ 1.8
Federal	51.9	51.9	52.4	0.0	- 1.0
State	129.3	124.7	127.6	+ 3.7	+ 1.3
Local	263.0	261.5	256.3	+ 0.6	+ 2.6

* Revised.

** Less than .05 percent.

1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

2/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

3/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services; Forestry and Fisheries.

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

February 1987 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Feb. 1987	Jan.* 1987	Feb.* 1986	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986
Manufacturing	659.6	660.8	655.7	- 0.2	+ 0.6
Durable Goods	253.1	254.4	256.4	- 0.5	- 1.3
Lumber and Wood Products	30.5	31.4	32.3	- 2.9	- 5.6
Furniture and Fixtures	76.3	75.9	74.7	+ 0.5	+ 2.1
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	16.6	16.6	16.1	0.0	+ 3.1
Primary Metal Industries	8.2	8.2	8.5	0.0	- 3.5
Fabricated Metal Products	19.6	19.5	19.6	+ 0.5	0.0
Machinery, exc. Electrical	28.0	28.1	28.5	- 0.4	- 1.8
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	41.4	42.3	45.5	- 2.1	- 9.0
Transportation Equipment	20.0	19.9	18.7	+ 0.5	+ 7.0
Nondurable Goods	406.5	406.4	399.2	**	+ 1.8
Food and Kindred Products	32.6	32.8	32.4	- 0.6	+ 0.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	19.0	19.9	19.5	- 4.5	- 2.6
Textile Mill Products	190.4	189.2	184.9	+ 0.6	+ 3.0
Apparel and Other Textile Products	77.6	77.6	77.1	0.0	+ 0.6
Paper and Allied Products	16.3	16.5	16.5	- 1.2	- 1.2
Printing and Publishing	17.3	17.4	16.8	- 0.6	+ 3.0
Chemicals and Allied Products	24.3	24.4	24.2	- 0.4	+ 0.4
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	25.2	25.2	24.2	0.0	+ 4.1
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.7	3.5	3.6	+ 5.7	+ 2.8

---

* Revised.

** Less than .05 percent.

1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

2/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-Supervisory Workers in North Carolina 1/

February 1987 2/

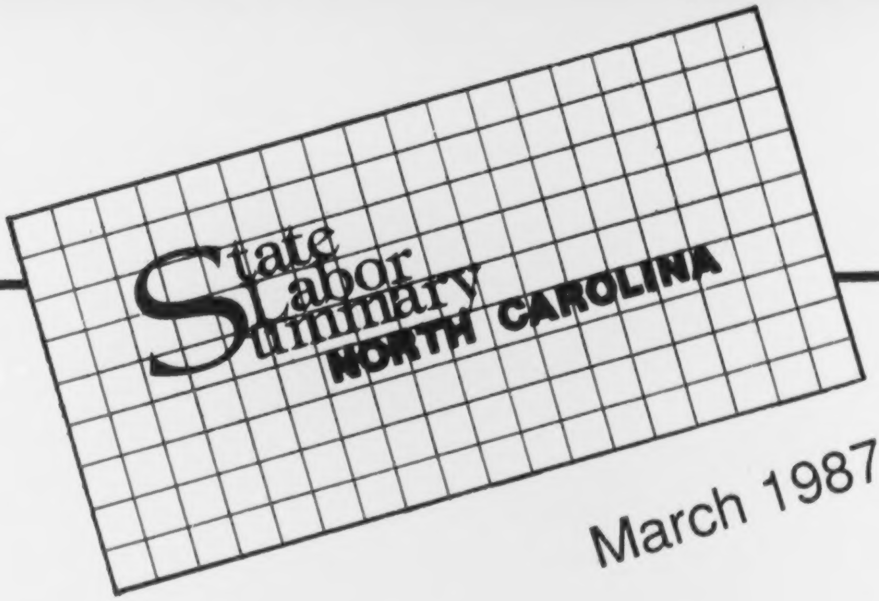
	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Feb. 1987	Jan.* 1987	Feb.* 1986	Feb. 1987	Jan.* 1987	Feb.* 1986	Feb. 1987	Jan.* 1987	Feb.* 1986
MANUFACTURING	$315.79	$314.61	$296.11	40.8	40.7	39.8	$ 7.74	$ 7.73	$ 7.44
DURABLE GOODS	330.86	330.79	308.74	41.1	41.4	40.2	8.05	7.99	7.68
Lumber & Wood Products	269.20	280.13	255.82	40.0	41.5	39.6	6.73	6.75	6.46
Furniture & Fixtures	280.37	284.40	258.61	39.6	40.0	38.2	7.08	7.11	6.77
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	352.79	356.59	323.21	41.8	42.3	40.1	8.44	8.43	8.06
Primary Metal Industries	381.14	395.66	383.68	41.7	43.1	43.6	9.14	9.18	8.80
Fabricated Metal Products	360.50	356.01	330.06	41.2	41.3	40.9	8.75	8.62	8.07
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	388.83	380.55	350.68	43.3	43.0	41.5	8.98	8.85	8.45
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	377.94	369.09	354.41	41.9	41.8	41.5	9.02	8.83	8.54
Transportation Equipment	373.68	371.49	358.28	43.1	42.7	42.2	8.67	8.70	8.49
NONDURABLE GOODS	306.53	304.67	287.56	40.6	40.3	39.5	7.55	7.56	7.28
Food & Kindred Products	264.96	264.11	261.46	38.4	38.5	39.2	6.90	6.86	6.67
Tobacco Manufacturers	513.92	510.94	464.29	35.2	36.6	34.7	14.60	13.96	13.38
Textile Mill Products	288.91	283.71	265.43	42.3	41.6	40.4	6.83	6.82	6.57
Apparel & Other Textile Products	204.44	200.30	194.71	38.0	37.3	37.3	5.38	5.37	5.22
Paper & Allied Products	482.61	491.29	483.91	43.4	44.3	43.4	11.12	11.09	11.15
Printing & Publishing	353.02	345.98	326.70	39.4	38.7	38.8	8.96	8.94	8.42
Chemicals & Allied Products	434.05	441.15	405.57	42.1	42.5	41.3	10.31	10.38	9.82
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	392.50	396.45	379.76	40.8	41.6	41.1	9.62	9.53	9.24
MINING	381.88	374.78	358.88	45.3	45.1	43.5	8.43	8.31	8.25
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	508.67	511.18	487.06	41.7	41.9	42.7	12.14	12.20	11.68
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	198.77	204.48	199.94	31.5	32.0	32.3	6.31	6.39	6.19
Wholesale Trade	321.79	327.89	311.25	39.1	39.6	39.2	8.23	8.28	7.94
Retail Trade	164.93	170.73	167.86	29.4	29.9	30.3	5.61	5.71	5.54
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	135.83	138.41	137.64	28.9	29.2	29.6	4.70	4.74	4.65

* Revised.

1/ These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected non-manufacturing industries.

2/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

8/17/87 55925-51



State Labor Summary
NORTH CAROLINA

March 1987

Employment Security Commission
of North Carolina
Labor Market Information Division

For more information regarding Labor Market Information, you may contact:

Labor Market Information Division
Employment Security Commission of North Carolina
700 Wade Avenue
Post Office Box 25903
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

Telephone: (919) 733-2936

One thousand copies of this public document were printed at a cost of $80.21, or $.08 per copy.

State Labor Summary: North Carolina

March 1987

Project Supervisor:
Joe Richardson

Labor Market Information Division
Employment Security Commission of North Carolina
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

State Labor Summary: North Carolina

March 1987

HIGHLIGHTS

THE MARCH 1987 SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE in North Carolina dropped to 4.8 percent from 5.1 percent in February. The March rate was 1.8 percent lower than the national rate (6.6) during the same period. Since March 1986, the state's unemployment rate has dropped 0.7 percent.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINED OVER THE MONTH, 15,000 and 11,000, respectively. Employment over the year increased by 117,000 workers from 2,990,000 to 3,107,000. As more people were placed in jobs, unemployment experienced a substantial decrease of nearly 10 percent (17,000).

THERE WERE 26,000 FEWER PERSONS IN THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE in March than a month ago as the labor force dropped from 3,290,000 to 3,264,000. From March a year ago the civilian labor force grew by 100,000 or slightly over three percent.

NET CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WERE SMALL from February to March. The apparel industry showed a net gain of 600 workers, the largest among the manufacturing industries. The textile industry led the way in net employment growth over the year. The net growth of 10,400 in textiles accounted for more than three quarters of the net increase in manufacturing and over ten percent in total nonagricultural employment. From March 1986 the electrical machinery industry suffered a loss of 6,500 workers.

MOST OF THE MONTHLY GAIN (1,800) IN NONMANUFACTURING WAS NOTED IN RETAIL TRADE with a growth of 1,600 workers. A yearly increase of 78,600 was posted in nonmanufacturing with substantial employment additions in trade, 29,300; service and miscellaneous, 23,600; and in finance, insurance, and real estate, 10,800.

THE NUMBER OF WEEKS CLAIMED FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS was 3,659 less than those in February. Weeks claimed were down in most industries with construction showing the greatest decrease of 2,496.

THERE WERE 11,244 INDIVIDUALS PLACED IN JOBS THROUGH THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION IN MARCH. The largest number (5,540) was placed in manufacturing industries followed by placements of 2,303 in services and 2,124 in trade. Over 2,000 individuals were placed in benchwork occupations (2,219), service occupations, except domestics (2,068), and in packaging and material handling occupations (2,013).

ALL OF THE PUBLISHED INDUSTRY GROUPS POSTED AN INCREASE OR NO CHANGE IN PRODUCTION WORKERS OVER THE MONTH except tobacco and rubber and miscellaneous plastics products. Employment gains were not as prominent over the year as fewer manufacturing industries increased the number of production workers.

IN MANUFACTURING, WORKERS IN THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY RECEIVED THE HIGHEST AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS AT $562.46. The same workers were paid the highest hourly rate, $14.88, and they also worked the shortest workweek with an average of 37.8 hours a week. All manufacturing workers earned an average of $320.85 a week; $7.75 per hour; and worked an average of 41.4 hours a week. The highest earnings in nonmanufacturing were paid to workers in communication and electric, gas, and sanitary services. Weekly earnings paid to these workers averaged $517.47, while hourly earnings averaged $12.35.

Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

March 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: One Year Prior	Time Series Data: October 1986 to March 1987					
	Mar. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,733	4,780	4,785	4,792	4,802	4,809	4,816
Civilian Labor Force	3,164	3,206	3,201	3,221	3,271	3,290	3,264
Participation Rate 1/	66.8	67.1	66.9	67.2	68.1	68.4	67.8
Employed	2,990	3,041	3,029	3,048	3,115	3,122	3,107
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	63.2	63.6	63.3	63.6	64.9	64.9	64.5
Unemployed	174	165	172	173	156	168	157
Unemployment Rate	5.5	5.1	5.4	5.4	4.8	5.1	4.8
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: One Year Prior	Time Series Data: January 1987 to March 1987		
	Mar. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,733	4,802	4,809	4,816
Civilian Labor Force	3,142	3,227	3,259	3,239
Participation Rate 1/	66.4	67.2	67.8	67.3
Employed	2,964	3,058	3,078	3,079
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	62.6	63.7	64.0	63.9
Unemployed	178	169	181	160
Unemployment Rate	5.7	5.2	5.6	4.9
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.3	2.8	2.5	INA*

* Information not available.

1/ The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

2/ The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.

3/ The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

March 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: One Year Prior	Time Series Data: October 1986 to March 1987					
	Mar. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	179,985	181,186	181,363	181,547	181,827	181,998	182,179
Civilian Labor Force	117,187	118,414	118,675	118,586	119,034	119,349	119,222
Participation Rate 1/	65.1	65.4	65.4	65.3	65.5	65.6	65.4
Employed	108,807	110,192	110,432	110,637	111,011	111,382	111,368
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	60.5	60.8	60.9	60.9	61.1	61.2	61.1
Unemployed	8,380	8,222	8,243	7,949	8,023	7,967	7,854
Unemployment Rate	7.2	6.9	6.9	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.6
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.6	INA*

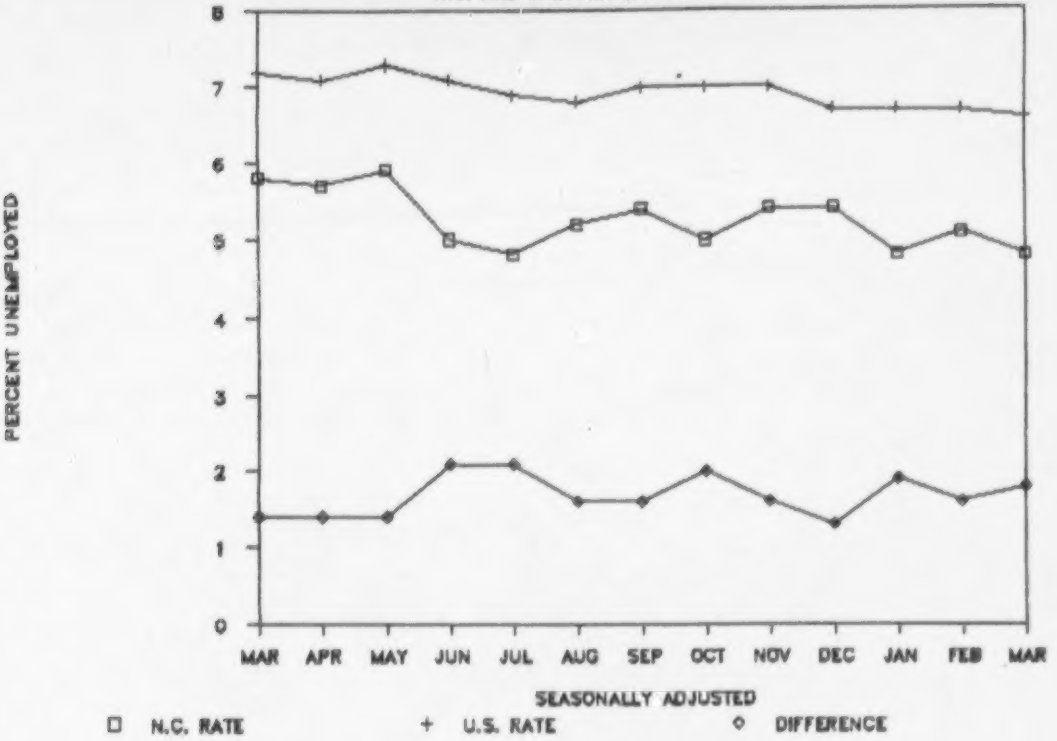
Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: One Year Prior	Time Series Data: January 1987 to March 1987		
	Mar. 1986	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	179,985	181,827	181,998	182,179
Civilian Labor Force	116,309	117,703	117,967	118,353
Participation Rate 1/	64.6	64.7	64.8	65.0
Employed	107,643	109,084	109,464	110,229
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	59.8	60.0	60.1	60.5
Unemployed	8,667	8,620	8,503	8,124
Unemployment Rate	7.5	7.3	7.2	6.9
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	3.3	3.3	3.2	INA*

* Information not available.

1/ The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

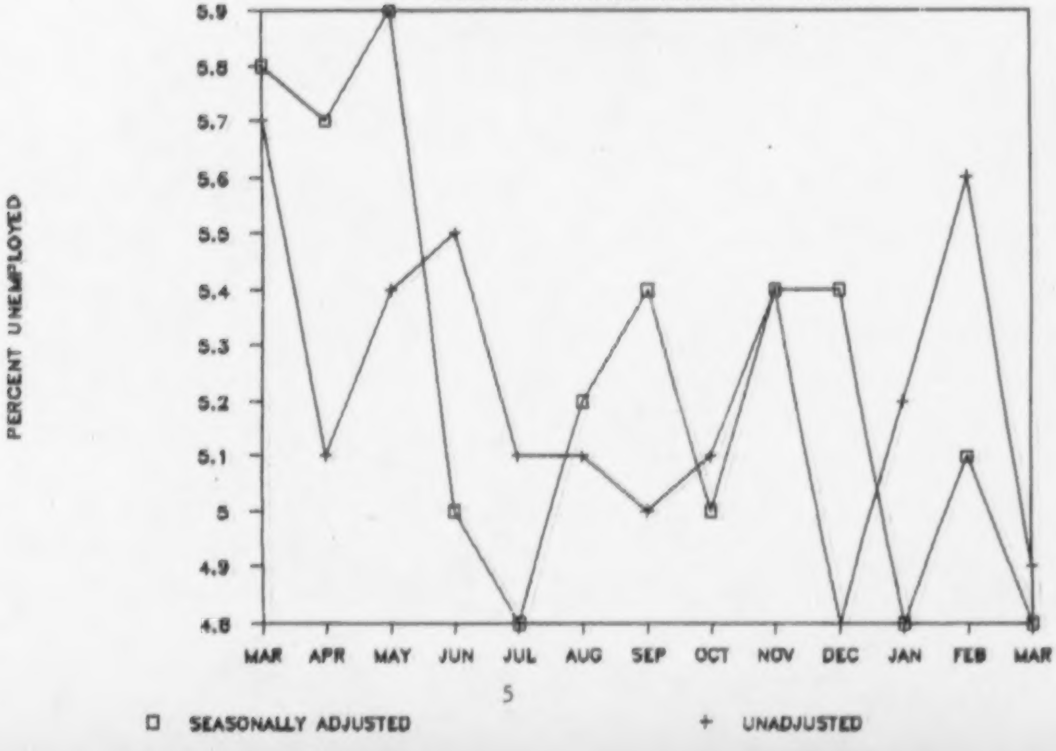
2/ The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.

3/ The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.



A COMPARISON: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

N.C. AND THE U.S. MAR 1986 – MAR 1987



NORTH CAROLINA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

ADJUSTED AND UNADJUSTED: 3/86 – 3/87

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA
(SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

MARCH 1987 1/
(Numbers In Thousands)

	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE FROM:			
				February 1987		March 1986	
Classification	Mar. 1987	Feb.* 1987	Mar.* 1986	Net	Percent	Net	Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force 2/	3,238.9	3,259.5	3,142.4	- 20.6	- 0.6	+ 96.5	+ 3.1
Unemployment, Total	159.8	181.4	178.4	- 21.6	- 11.9	- 18.6	- 10.4
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.9	5.6	5.7	- 0.7	xxx	- 0.8	xxx
Employment, Total	3,079.1	3,078.1	2,964.0	+ 1.0	**	+ 115.1	+ 3.9
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force 2/	3,264.0	3,290.0	3,164.0	- 26.0	- 0.8	+ 100.0	+ 3.2
Unemployment, Total	157.0	168.0	174.0	- 11.0	- 6.5	- 17.0	- 9.8
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.8	5.1	5.5	- 0.3	xxx	- 0.7	xxx
Employment, Total	3,107.0	3,122.0	2,990.0	- 15.0	- 0.5	+ 117.0	+ 3.9
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,800.4	2,797.9	2,708.3	+ 2.5	+ 0.1	+ 92.1	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	842.1	841.4	828.6	- 0.7	+ 0.1	+ 13.5	+ 1.6
Durable Goods	339.9	339.4	339.0	+ 0.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.9	+ 0.3
Lumber & Wood	37.8	38.0	36.2	- 0.2	- 0.5	+ 1.6	+ 4.4
Furniture & Fixtures	87.0	86.6	85.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.5	+ 1.8	+ 2.1
Stone, Clay, & Glass	21.3	21.3	19.5	0.0	0.0	+ 1.8	+ 9.2
Primary Metals	11.1	11.2	10.7	- 0.1	- 0.9	+ 0.4	+ 3.7
Fabricated Metals	26.5	26.4	26.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	0.0	0.0
Machinery, Except Elec.	56.2	56.0	55.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
Electrical Machinery	58.0	58.2	64.5	- 0.2	- 0.3	- 6.5	- 10.1
Transportation Equipment	24.9	24.8	23.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	+ 1.4	+ 6.0
Other Durable Goods 3/	17.1	16.9	17.0	+ 0.2	+ 1.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.6

* Revised. **Less than 0.05 percent.

1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

2/ Data are compiled on the basis of "Place of Residency".

3/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

4/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

5/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services, Forestry, and Fisheries.

6/ This category includes Self-employed workers, unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

(Continued)

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA
(SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

MARCH 1987 1/
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT Mar. 1987	Feb.* 1987	Mar.* 1986	CHANGE FROM: February 1987 Net	Percent	March 1986 Net	Percent
Nondurable Goods	502.2	502.0	489.6	0.0	**	+ 12.6	+ 2.6
Food & Kindred Products	47.3	47.2	47.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
Tobacco Manufacturing	25.1	25.4	25.7	- 0.3	- 1.2	- 0.6	- 2.3
Textile Mill Products	217.3	217.0	206.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.1	+ 10.4	+ 5.0
Apparel & Related Products	90.6	90.0	89.6	+ 0.6	+ 0.7	+ 1.0	+ 1.1
Paper & Allied Products	21.9	21.7	22.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.9	- 0.4	- 1.8
Print., Pub., & Allied	27.7	27.8	26.8	- 0.1	- 0.4	+ 0.9	+ 3.4
Chemicals & Allied	37.1	37.2	37.2	- 0.1	- 0.3	- 0.1	- 0.3
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Prod.	30.9	31.3	29.5	- 0.4	- 1.3	+ 1.4	+ 4.7
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	4.3	4.4	4.6	- 0.1	- 2.3	- 0.3	- 6.5
Nonmanufacturing	1,958.3	1,956.5	1,879.7	+ 1.8	+ 0.1	+ 78.6	+ 4.2
Construction	164.1	165.3	160.8	- 1.2	- 0.7	+ 3.3	+ 2.1
Transportation & Public Utilities	133.6	132.9	131.0	+ 0.7	+ 0.5	+ 2.6	+ 2.0
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	72.5	72.1	71.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.6	+ 1.3	+ 1.8
Comm. & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	56.9	56.9	55.2	0.0	0.0	+ 1.7	+ 3.1

---

* Revised. **Less than 0.05 percent.

1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

2/ Data are compiled on the basis of "Place of Residency".

3/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

4/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

5/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services, Forestry, and Fisheries.

6/ This category includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

(Continued)

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA
(SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

MARCH 1987 1/
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE FROM:			
				February 1987		March 1986	
	Mar. 1987	Feb.* 1987	Mar.* 1986	Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Wholesale & Retail Trade	628.8	627.7	599.5	+ 1.1	+ 0.2	+ 29.3	+ 4.9
Wholesale Trade	143.9	144.4	141.1	- 0.5	- 0.3	+ 2.8	+ 2.0
Retail Trade	484.9	483.3	458.4	+ 1.6	+ 0.3	+ 26.5	+ 5.8
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate	124.0	123.3	113.2	+ 0.7	+ 0.6	+ 10.8	+ 9.5
Service & Miscellaneous 5/	468.5	467.5	444.9	+ 1.0	+ 0.2	+ 23.6	+ 5.3
Total Government	434.4	434.9	425.6	- 0.5	- 0.1	+ 8.8	+ 2.1
Federal	52.1	52.3	52.8	- 0.2	- 0.4	- 0.7	- 1.3
State	125.8	126.0	123.1	- 0.2	- 0.2	+ 2.7	+ 2.2
Local	256.5	256.6	249.7	- 0.1	**	+ 6.8	+ 2.7
Mining	4.9	4.9	4.7	0.0	0.0	+ 0.2	+ 4.3
All Other Nonag. Employment 6/	247.3	250.5	237.2	- 3.2	- 1.3	+ 10.1	+ 4.3
Agriculture	40.3	36.7	43.3	+ 3.6	+ 9.8	- 3.0	- 6.9

---

* Revised. **Less than 0.05 percent.

1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

2/ Data are compiled on the basis of "Place of Residency".

3/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

4/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

5/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services, Forestry, and Fisheries.

6/ This category includes self-employed workers,unpaid family workers,and domestic workers in private households.

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA: CLAIMS TAKING ACTIVITIES BY MAJOR INDUSTRY SECTOR 1/

MARCH 1987

Industry of Primary Attachment	Insured Employment	Weeks Claimed			
		Weekly Total	% of Insured Employment	Change From Previous Month	
				Numerical	Percent
Total All Industries	2,609,836	60,681	2.3	- 3,659	- 5.7
Manufacturing Total	824,522	23,746	2.9	- 664	- 2.7
Food Products	46,543	1,798	3.9	+ 192	+ 12.0
Tobacco	24,350	1,281	5.3	+ 426	+ 49.8
Textile Products	210,428	4,774	2.3	- 741	- 13.4
Apparel Products	84,845	4,563	5.4	+ 255	+ 5.9
Lumber and Wood	37,272	1,791	4.8	- 177	- 9.0
Furniture and Fixtures	84,259	1,461	1.7	- 198	- 11.9
Paper and Allied	21,554	255	1.2	- 99	- 28.0
Printing and Publishing	27,215	336	1.2	+ 36	+ 12.0
Chemicals and Allied	37,791	386	1.0	- 62	- 13.8
Rubber and Plastics	30,359	684	2.3	+ 104	+ 17.9
Leather Products	3,669	137	3.7	- 24	- 14.9
Stone, Clay and Glass	19,730	690	3.5	- 194	- 21.9
Primary and Fabricated Metals	37,586	976	2.6	- 13	- 1.3
Nonelectrical Machinery	57,086	1,302	2.3	- 23	- 1.7
Electrical and Electronic Machinery	61,519	2,281	3.7	- 29	- 1.3
Transportation Equipment	22,849	648	2.8	- 106	- 14.1
Other Manufacturing 2/	17,467	383	2.2	- 11	- 2.8
Construction	153,140	11,640	7.6	- 2,496	- 17.7
Transportation, Comm. and Utilities	126,609	1,704	1.3	- 232	- 12.0
Trade	604,139	8,866	1.5	+ 107	+ 1.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	111,997	1,052	0.9	+ 11	+ 1.1
Services	402,715	5,041	1.3	- 164	- 3.2
State Government	111,497	1,010	0.9	- 8	- 0.8
Local Government	247,519	1,746	0.7	+ 38	+ 2.2
Other 3/	XXX	5,876	XXX	- 251	- 4.1

1/ These include new and additional claims. Additional claims are claims which are reopened during the course of an established benefit year.

2/ "Other Manufacturing" includes Petroleum Refining, Instruments, and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

3/ "Other" includes persons who filed but did not establish a benefit year due to insufficient industry attachment and/or the lack of determination of industry attachment; it also includes Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Mining industry employees.

INDIVIDUALS PLACED IN JOBS BY THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORIES AND INDUSTRIAL DIVISIONS

MARCH 1987 1/

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed 2/	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs 2/, 3/	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction	Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Services	Public Administration	Government
Total	11,244	11,037	246	6	1,099	5,540	520	2,124	135	2,303	385	713
Professional, Technical, and Managerial Occupation	385	381	2	2	9	73	4	59	5	178	55	96
Clerical Occupations	1,428	1,413	3	1	43	231	170	451	77	366	135	279
Sales Occupations	407	406	3	0	2	20	8	316	19	42	2	2
Domestic Service Occupations	137	92	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	90	1	7
Other Service Occupations	2,068	2,067	0	0	17	189	10	786	7	999	144	251
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related Occupations	358	277	216	0	6	7	0	4	8	33	10	16
Processing Occupations	590	588	6	1	6	547	0	25	0	3	0	2
Machine Trade Occupations	1,434	1,432	0	0	43	1,296	9	39	0	51	5	7
Benchwork Occupations	2,219	2,209	0	0	6	2,011	1	45	1	166	1	0
Structural Work Occupations	1,561	1,509	3	0	933	393	15	94	17	106	13	24
Motor Freight and Transportation Occupations	284	263	1	0	12	55	72	93	1	32	11	20
Packaging and Materials Handling Occupations	2,013	1,872	14	2	46	1,039	241	277	0	320	7	8
Miscellaneous Occupations	55	53	0	0	2	38	0	2	1	7	3	4

1/ The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1986 to June 30, 1987.

2/ The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for each industrial division do count each placement of an individual.

3/ A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

APPENDIX

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-Supervisory Workers in North Carolina

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina
March 1987 1/
(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Mar. 1987	Feb.* 1987	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,787.2	2,764.1	2,700.8	+ 0.8	+ 3.2
Manufacturing	837.5	835.2	829.2	+ 0.3	+ 1.0
Durable Goods	339.0	337.5	339.8	+ 0.4	- 0.2
Lumber and Wood Products	37.4	37.2	38.0	+ 0.5	- 1.6
Furniture and Fixtures	87.0	87.0	84.5	0.0	+ 3.0
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	21.0	20.9	19.9	+ 0.5	+ 5.5
Primary Metal Industries	11.1	11.1	11.3	0.0	- 1.8
Fabricated Metal Products	26.3	26.1	26.5	+ 0.8	- 0.8
Machinery, exc. Electrical	56.0	55.7	56.7	+ 0.5	- 1.2
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	58.1	57.9	62.4	+ 0.3	- 6.9
Transportation Equipment	25.1	24.8	23.7	+ 1.2	+ 5.9
Other Durable Goods 2/	17.0	16.8	16.7	+ 1.2	+ 1.8
Nondurable Goods	498.5	497.6	489.4	+ 0.2	+ 1.9
Food and Kindred Products	46.4	46.2	45.5	+ 0.4	+ 2.0
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.7	24.6	24.7	- 3.7	- 4.0
Textile Mill Products	216.2	215.3	210.3	+ 0.4	+ 2.8
Apparel and Other Textile Products	89.7	89.4	88.3	+ 0.3	+ 1.6
Paper and Allied Products	22.0	21.8	21.8	+ 0.9	+ 0.9
Printing and Publishing	28.1	28.1	27.3	0.0	+ 2.9
Chemicals and Allied Products	37.2	37.1	37.6	+ 0.3	- 1.1
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	30.7	30.9	29.7	- 0.6	+ 3.4
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.3	4.3	4.3	0.0	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	1,949.8	1,928.9	1,871.6	+ 1.1	+ 4.2
Mining	4.8	4.7	4.7	+ 2.1	+ 2.1
Construction	159.0	154.6	150.9	+ 2.8	+ 5.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	133.1	132.0	130.9	+ 0.8	+ 1.7
Transportation, exc. Railroad	72.3	71.3	71.5	+ 1.4	+ 1.1
Comm. and Electric, Gas, and San. Ser.	56.8	56.6	54.9	+ 0.4	+ 3.5
Wholesale and Retail Trade	617.3	611.5	591.2	+ 0.9	+ 4.4
Wholesale Trade	142.7	142.2	140.4	+ 0.4	+ 1.6
Retail Trade	474.7	469.3	450.8	+ 1.2	+ 5.3
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	123.1	122.2	114.7	+ 0.7	+ 7.3
Service and Miscellaneous 4/	466.6	459.6	442.4	+ 1.5	+ 5.5
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	25.3	24.7	23.7	+ 2.4	+ 6.8
Total Government	445.8	444.2	436.9	+ 0.4	+ 2.0
Federal	51.8	51.9	52.3	- 0.2	- 1.0
State	129.9	129.3	126.7	+ 0.5	+ 2.5
Local	264.0	263.0	257.9	+ 0.4	+ 2.4

* Revised.

** Less than .05 percent.

1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

2/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

3/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services; Forestry and Fisheries.

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

March 1987 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers Mar. 1987	 Feb.* 1987	 Mar. 1986	Percent Change From: Feb. 1987	 Mar. 1986
Manufacturing	663.9	661.6	657.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.0
Durable Goods	255.9	254.7	257.6	+ 0.5	- 0.7
Lumber and Wood Products	31.8	31.6	32.6	+ 0.6	- 2.5
Furniture and Fixtures	76.2	76.2	74.6	0.0	+ 2.1
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	16.8	16.7	16.2	+ 0.6	+ 3.7
Primary Metal Industries	8.3	8.2	8.4	+ 1.2	- 1.2
Fabricated Metal Products	19.7	19.6	19.7	+ 0.5	0.0
Machinery, exc. Electrical	28.3	28.2	29.0	+ 0.4	- 2.4
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	41.8	41.6	45.5	+ 0.5	- 8.1
Transportation Equipment	20.3	20.1	19.1	+ 1.0	+ 6.3
Nondurable Goods	408.0	406.9	399.5	+ 0.3	+ 2.1
Food and Kindred Products	32.7	32.6	32.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.9
Tobacco Manufacturers	18.2	19.0	18.8	- 4.2	- 3.2
Textile Mill Products	191.3	190.3	185.5	+ 0.5	+ 3.1
Apparel and Other Textile Products	78.3	78.0	77.5	+ 0.4	+ 1.0
Paper and Allied Products	16.6	16.3	16.4	+ 1.8	+ 1.2
Printing and Publishing	17.5	17.4	16.8	+ 0.6	+ 4.2
Chemicals and Allied Products	24.5	24.3	24.5	+ 0.8	0.0
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	25.3	25.4	24.2	- 0.4	+ 4.5
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.6	3.6	3.6	0.0	0.0

---

* Revised.

** Less than .05 percent.

1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

2/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-Supervisory Workers in North Carolina 1/

March 1987 2/

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Mar. 1987	Feb.* 1987	Mar.* 1986	Mar. 1987	Feb.* 1987	Mar.* 1986	Mar. 1987	Feb.* 1987	Mar.* 1986
MANUFACTURING	$320.85	$315.02	$302.19	41.4	40.7	40.4	$ 7.75	$ 7.74	$ 7.48
DURABLE GOODS	332.80	328.43	316.16	41.6	40.9	40.9	8.00	8.03	7.73
Lumber & Wood Products	278.78	268.65	260.50	41.3	39.8	40.2	6.75	6.75	6.48
Furniture & Fixtures	290.80	281.47	268.52	40.9	39.7	39.2	7.11	7.09	6.85
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	355.74	348.19	335.30	42.4	41.5	41.6	8.39	8.39	8.06
Primary Metal Industries	394.51	384.86	383.21	43.4	42.2	43.3	9.09	9.12	8.85
Fabricated Metal Products	351.33	359.68	331.71	40.9	41.2	40.7	8.59	8.73	8.15
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	387.18	385.28	357.00	43.7	43.0	42.0	8.86	8.96	8.50
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	368.59	368.18	357.76	41.0	41.0	41.6	8.99	8.98	8.60
Transportation Equipment	382.80	371.50	371.91	44.0	42.8	43.6	8.70	8.68	8.53
NONDURABLE GOODS	313.47	307.69	292.40	41.3	40.7	40.0	7.59	7.56	7.31
Food & Kindred Products	265.94	261.89	261.02	38.1	37.9	38.9	6.98	6.91	6.71
Tobacco Manufacturers	562.46	515.82	500.40	37.8	35.5	36.0	14.88	14.53	13.90
Textile Mill Products	294.12	289.76	269.78	43.0	42.3	41.0	6.84	6.85	6.58
Apparel & Other Textile Products	206.82	204.82	195.98	38.3	38.0	37.4	5.40	5.39	5.24
Paper & Allied Products	492.60	478.50	498.18	44.1	43.5	44.6	11.17	11.00	11.17
Printing & Publishing	350.45	350.16	336.31	39.2	39.3	39.8	8.94	8.91	8.45
Chemicals & Allied Products	455.35	449.53	408.66	43.7	43.1	41.7	10.42	10.43	9.80
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	393.05	391.55	380.37	41.2	41.0	41.3	9.54	9.55	9.21
MINING	394.70	387.54	377.03	46.6	45.7	45.7	8.47	8.48	8.25
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	517.47	506.24	487.81	41.9	41.7	41.8	12.35	12.14	11.67
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	205.11	200.66	200.88	32.2	31.6	32.4	6.37	6.35	6.20
Wholesale Trade	331.20	322.18	317.19	40.0	39.1	39.5	8.28	8.24	8.03
Retail Trade	171.27	167.83	168.67	30.1	29.6	30.5	5.69	5.67	5.53
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	141.37	138.91	140.13	29.7	29.0	30.2	4.76	4.79	4.64

* Revised.

1/ These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected non-manufacturing industries.

2/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

8/20/81 55925-5

For more information regarding Labor Market Information, you may contact:

Labor Market Information Division
Employment Security Commission of North Carolina
700 Wade Avenue
Post Office Box 25903
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

Telephone: (919) 733-2936

One thousand copies of this public document were printed at a cost of $100.00, or $.10 per copy.

State Labor Summary: North Carolina

April 1987

Project Supervisor:
Joe Richardson

Labor Market Information Division
Employment Security Commission of North Carolina
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

State Labor Summary: North Carolina

April 1987

HIGHLIGHTS

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in North Carolina dropped from 4.8 percent in March 1987 to 4.7 percent in April 1987. The North Carolina rate remained below the national rate of 6.3 in April 1987. Over the year, the unemployment rate was down from the year ago rate by 0.8 of a percent.

Total employment (seasonally adjusted) reached 3,112,000 in April 1987, an increase of 5,000 workers from March. The number of unemployed (seasonally adjusted) persons was down 2,000 for the month. Over the year, employment grew by 131,000, and the unemployment figures showed a decrease of 19,000.

There were 3,000 more people in North Carolina's civilian labor force (seasonally adjusted) in April 1987 than a month ago. The number in the civilian labor force stood at 3,264,000 in March and at 3,267,000 in April. The yearly increase amounted to 112,000 or a percentage increase of 3.5.

Industry employment (seasonally adjusted) grew by 3,800 from March to April 1987. The gain occurred in nonmanufacturing (+5,400) as manufacturing employment decreased (-1,600). Worker gains and losses were mixed in both the manufacturing and nonmanufacturing groups. Over the year, employment in manufacturing increased by 13,100, while nonmanufacturing industries added 79,300 workers. The increase in nonmanufacturing comprised over 85 percent of the total nonagricultural employment growth (+92,400) from April 1986 to April 1987.

Over the month, weeks claimed for unemployment benefits were down in all major industry segments except textiles. Construction showed the greatest decrease of 5,086 followed by trade, down by 2,379.

The Employment Security Commission staff placed 10,329 individuals in jobs during April 1987. More than 47 percent (4,936) were placed in the manufacturing sector. The largest number of placements (11,547) was made in benchwork occupations.

The growth in the number of production workers over the month was small (+400). The largest increase in production workers from March 1987 to April 1987 was noted in the textile industry (+600). For the year, April 1986 - April 1987 the number of production workers in manufacturing was up by 10,200. Almost two-thirds of this increase occurred in the textile industry.

Production and nonsupervisory workers in the tobacco industry had the highest weekly earnings ($552.92) in April 1987. Employees in the tobacco industry worked the shortest workweek, (36.4 hours) and were paid the highest hourly rate, $15.19. In nonmanufacturing the highest hourly earnings, $12.21, were paid to workers in communication and electric, gas, and sanitary services. Nonsupervisory workers in hotels and other lodging places were the lowest paid at $4.75 an hour.

Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

April 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: One Year Prior	Time Series Data: November 1986 to April 1987					
	Apr. 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,740	4,785	4,792	4,802	4,809	4,816	4,822
Civilian Labor Force	3,155	3,201	3,221	3,271	3,290	3,264	3,267
Participation Rate 1/	66.6	66.9	67.2	68.1	68.4	67.8	67.8
Employed	2,981	3,029	3,048	3,115	3,122	3,107	3,112
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	62.9	63.3	63.6	64.9	64.9	64.5	64.5
Unemployed	174	172	173	156	168	157	155
Unemployment Rate	5.5	5.4	5.4	4.8	5.1	4.8	4.7
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	----	----	----	----	----	----	----

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: One Year Prior	Time Series Data: February 1987 to April 1987		
	Apr. 1986	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,740	4,809	4,816	4,822
Civilian Labor Force	3,118	3,259	3,239	3,226
Participation Rate 1/	65.9	67.8	67.3	66.9
Employed	2,959	3,078	3,079	3,086
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	62.4	64.0	63.9	64.0
Unemployed	159	181	160	140
Unemployment Rate	5.1	5.6	4.9	4.3
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.3	2.5	2.3	INA*

* Information not available.

1/ The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

2/ The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.

3/ The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

April 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: One Year Prior	Time Series Data: November 1986 to April 1987					
	Apr. 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	180,148	181,363	181,547	181,827	181,998	182,179	182,344
Civilian Labor Force	117,292	118,675	118,586	119,034	119,349	119,222	119,335
Participation Rate 1/	65.1	65.4	65.3	65.5	65.6	65.4	65.4
Employed	108,969	110,432	110,637	111,011	111,382	111,368	111,835
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	60.5	60.9	60.9	61.1	61.2	61.1	61.3
Unemployed	8,323	8,243	7,949	8,023	7,967	7,854	7,500
Unemployment Rate	7.1	6.9	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.3
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.6	INA*

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: One Year Prior	Time Series Data: February 1987 to April 1987		
	Apr. 1986	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	180,148	181,998	182,179	182,344
Civilian Labor Force	116,317	117,967	118,353	118,347
Participation Rate 1/	64.6	64.8	65.0	64.9
Employed	108,201	109,464	110,229	111,041
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	60.1	60.1	60.5	60.9
Unemployed	8,115	8,503	8,124	7,306
Unemployment Rate	7.0	7.2	6.9	6.2
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.9	3.2	3.0	INA*

* Information not available.

1/ The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

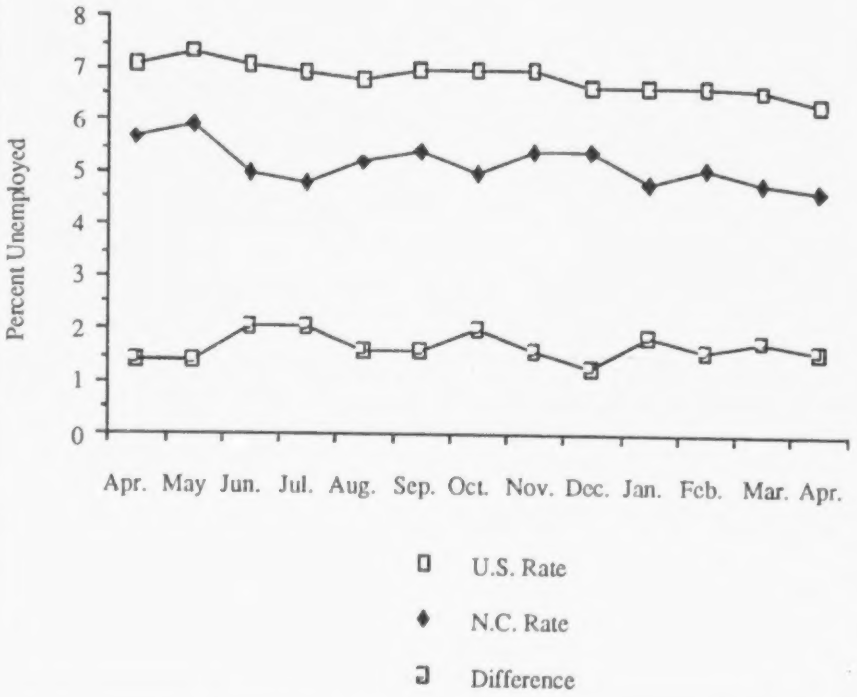
2/ The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.

3/ The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

A Comparison of Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States

April 1986 - April 1987

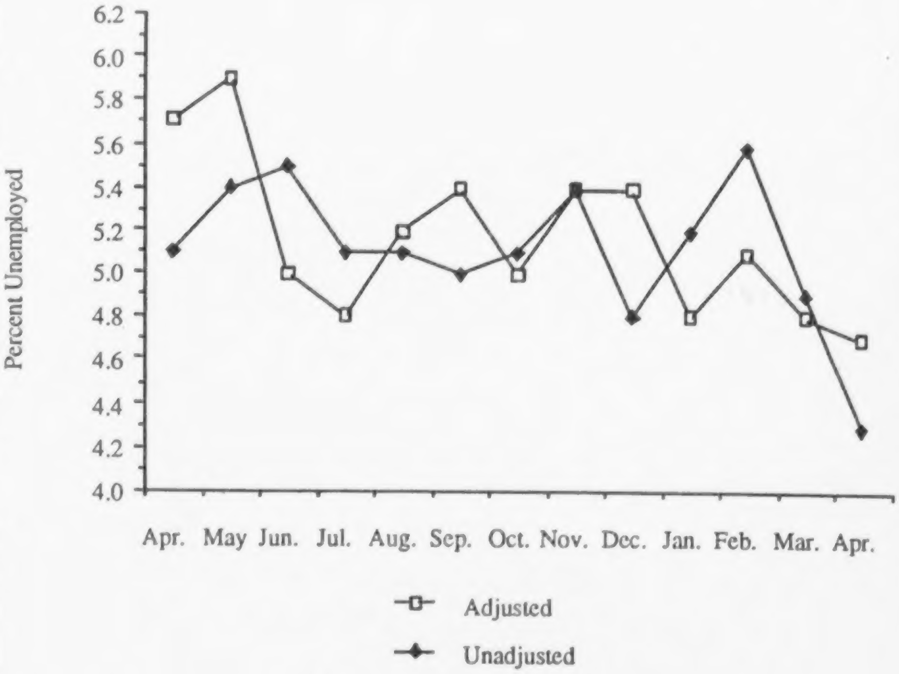
(Seasonally Adjusted)



North Carolina Unemployment Rates

April 1986 - April 1987

(Adjusted and Unadjusted)



Industry Employment in North Carolina

April 1987 1/

(Seasonally Adjusted)

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Total Employment			Change From:			
				March 1987		April 1986	
Classification	Apr. 1987	Mar.* 1987	Apr.* 1986	Net	Percent	Net	Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force 2/	3,225.5	3,238.9	3,118.2	- 13.4	- 0.4	+ 107.3	+ 3.4
Unemployment, Total	140.0	159.8	159.1	- 19.8	- 12.4	- 19.1	- 12.0
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.3	4.9	5.1	- 0.6	—	- 0.8	—
Employment, Total	3,085.5	3,079.1	2,959.1	+ 6.4	+ 0.2	+ 126.4	+ 4.3
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force 2/	3,267.0	3,264.0	3,155.0	+ 3.0	+ 0.1	+ 112.0	+ 3.5
Unemployment, Total	155.0	157.0	174.0	- 2.0	- 1.3	- 19.0	- 10.9
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.7	4.8	5.5	- 0.1	—	- 0.8	—
Employment, Total	3,112.0	3,107.0	2,981.0	+ 5.0	+ 0.2	+ 131.0	+ 4.4
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,804.8	2,801.0	2,712.4	+ 3.8	+ 0.1	+ 92.4	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	841.7	843.3	828.6	- 1.6	- 0.2	+ 13.1	+ 1.6
Durable Goods	340.9	340.2	338.0	+ 0.7	+ 0.2	+ 2.9	+ 0.9
Lumber & Wood	37.7	37.8	38.2	- 0.1	- 0.3	- 0.5	- 1.3
Furniture & Fixtures	87.4	87.1	83.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.3	+ 3.7	+ 4.4
Stone, Clay & Glass	21.3	21.4	20.4	- 0.1	- 0.5	+ 0.9	+ 4.4
Primary Metals	11.1	11.1	11.2	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	- 0.9
Fabricated Metals	26.6	26.6	26.8	0.0	0.0	- 0.2	- 0.7
Machinery, exc. Electrical	56.5	56.2	56.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.5	- 0.2	- 0.4
Electrical Machinery	58.4	58.0	61.0	+ 0.4	+ 0.7	- 2.6	- 4.3
Transportation Equipment	24.9	24.9	23.5	0.0	0.0	+ 1.4	+ 6.0
Other Durable Goods 3/	17.0	17.1	16.5	- 0.1	- 0.6	+ 0.5	+ 3.0

---

* Revised.

1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

2/ Data are compiled on the basis of "Place of Residency".

3/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

4/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather and Leather Products.

5/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services, Forestry and Fisheries.

6/ This category includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers and domestic workers in private households.

(Continued)

Industry Employment in North Carolina

April 1987 1/

(Seasonally Adjusted)

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Total Employment			Change From:			
				March 1987		April 1986	
Classification	Apr. 1987	Mar.* 1987	Apr.* 1986	Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Nondurable Goods	500.8	503.1	490.6	- 2.3	- 0.5	+ 10.2	+ 2.1
Food & Kindred Products	47.1	47.3	46.5	- 0.2	- 0.4	+ 0.6	+ 1.3
Tobacco Manufacturing	25.2	25.1	26.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	- 1.3	- 4.9
Textile Mill Products	216.0	217.5	208.7	- 1.5	- 0.7	+ 7.3	+ 3.5
Apparel & Related Products	90.2	91.0	88.7	- 0.8	- 0.9	+ 1.5	+ 1.7
Paper & Allied Products	21.8	21.9	21.8	- 0.1	- 0.5	0.0	0.0
Printing, Publishing, Allied Products	28.0	27.7	27.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.1	+ 1.0	+ 3.7
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.2	37.1	37.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	- 0.3	- 0.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	31.0	31.2	29.5	- 0.2	- 0.6	+ 1.5	+ 5.1
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	4.3	4.3	4.4	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	- 2.3
Nonmanufacturing	1,963.1	1,957.7	1,883.8	+ 5.4	+ 0.3	+ 79.3	+ 4.2
Mining	4.8	4.9	4.7	- 0.1	- 2.0	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
Construction	165.1	163.7	156.9	+ 1.4	+ 0.9	+ 8.2	+ 5.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	133.3	133.8	131.7	- 0.5	- 0.4	+ 1.6	+ 1.2
Transportation, exc. Railroad	72.3	72.7	72.0	- 0.4	- 0.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
Comm. & Elec., Gas & San. Serv.	56.8	56.9	54.9	- 0.1	- 0.2	+ 1.9	+ 3.5
Wholesale & Retail Trade	626.8	628.0	601.1	- 1.2	- 0.2	+ 25.7	+ 4.3
Wholesale Trade	144.7	143.8	142.3	+ 0.9	+ 0.6	+ 2.4	+ 1.7
Retail Trade	482.1	484.2	458.8	- 2.1	- 0.4	+ 23.3	+ 5.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	125.0	123.7	116.3	+ 1.3	+ 1.1	+ 8.7	+ 7.5
Service & Miscellaneous 5/	469.9	468.3	447.3	+ 1.6	+ 0.3	+ 22.6	+ 5.1
Total Government	438.2	435.3	425.8	+ 2.9	+ 0.7	+ 12.4	+ 2.9
Federal	52.9	52.7	52.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.6	+ 1.1
State	127.7	126.1	123.4	+ 1.6	+ 1.3	+ 4.3	+ 3.5
Local	257.6	256.5	250.1	+ 1.1	+ 0.4	+ 7.5	+ 3.0
All Other Nonag. Employment 6/	250.3	247.5	239.2	+ 2.8	+ 1.1	+ 11.1	+ 4.6
Agriculture	49.6	40.3	53.3	+ 9.3	+23.1	- 3.7	- 6.9

---

* Revised.

1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

2/ Data are compiled on the basis of "Place of Residency".

3/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

4/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather and Leather Products.

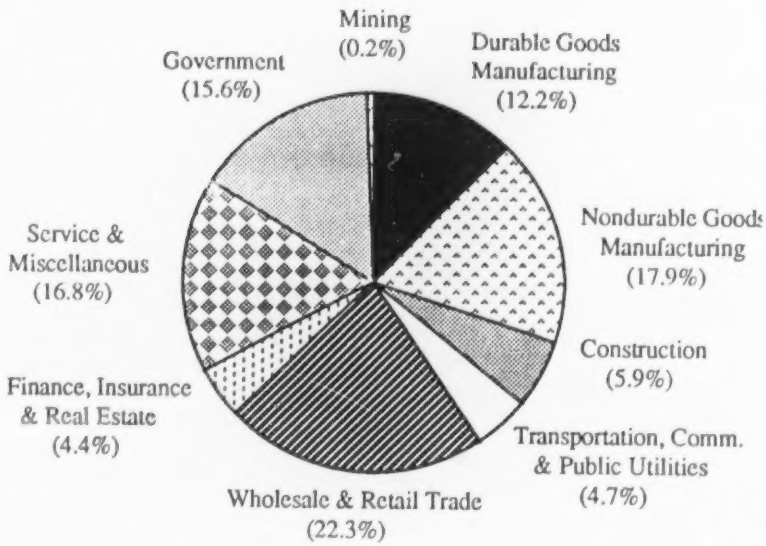
5/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services, Forestry and Fisheries.

6/ This category includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers and domestic workers in private households.

Composition of Nonagricultural Employment in North Carolina

April 1987

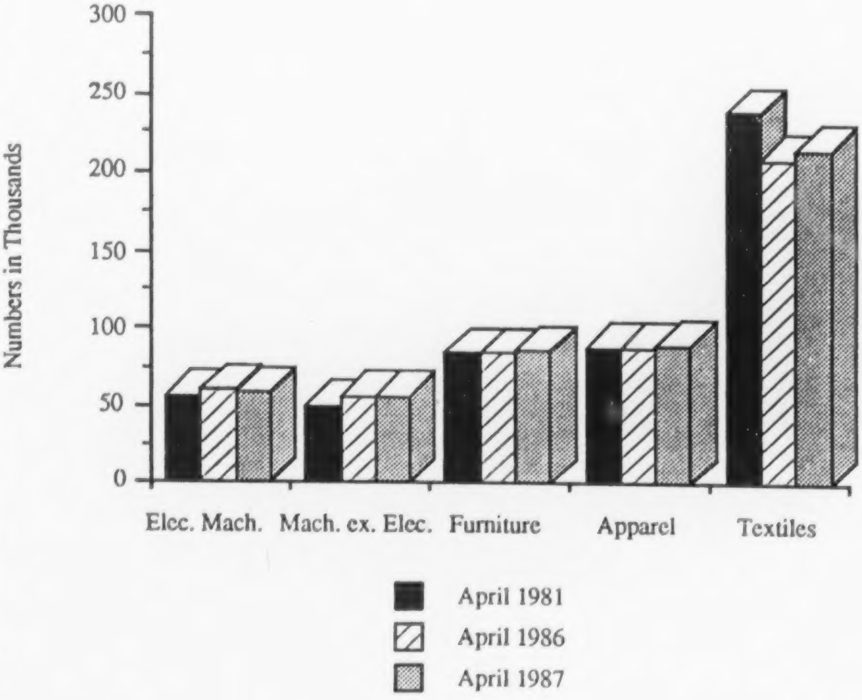
(Seasonally Adjusted)



Employment Levels in Major Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

April 1987

(Seasonally Adjusted)



Insured Unemployment in North Carolina: Claims Taking Activities by Major Industry Sector 1/

April 1987

		Weeks Claimed			
Industry of Primary Attachment	Insured Employment	Weekly Total	% of Insured Employment	Change From Previous Month Numerical	Percent
Total All Industries	2,635,144	44,695	1.7	- 15,986	- 26.3
Manufacturing Total	826,984	19,522	2.4	- 4,224	- 17.8
Food Products	46,964	1,273	2.7	- 525	- 29.2
Tobacco	24,487	1,358	5.5	+ 77	+ 6.0
Textile Products	212,454	4,469	2.1	- 305	- 6.4
Apparel Products	85,020	4,096	4.8	- 467	- 10.3
Lumber and Wood	37,750	1,177	3.1	- 614	- 34.3
Furniture and Fixtures	84,020	1,113	1.3	- 348	- 23.8
Paper and Allied	21,898	220	1.0	- 35	- 13.7
Printing and Publishing	27,548	282	1.0	- 54	- 16.1
Chemicals and Allied	38,191	332	0.9	- 54	- 14.0
Rubber and Plastics	30,616	533	1.7	- 151	- 22.1
Leather Products	3,671	93	2.5	- 44	- 32.1
Stone, Clay and Glass	19,990	403	2.0	- 287	- 41.6
Primary and Fabricated Metals	37,331	727	1.9	- 249	- 25.5
Nonelectrical Machinery	56,626	931	1.6	- 371	- 28.5
Electrical and Electronic Machinery	59,726	1,648	2.8	- 633	- 27.8
Transportation Equipment	23,200	533	2.3	- 115	- 17.7
Other Manufacturing 2/	17,492	334	1.9	- 49	- 12.8
Construction	154,537	6,554	4.2	- 5,086	- 43.7
Transportation, Comm. and Utilities	127,984	1,207	0.9	- 497	- 29.2
Trade	610,799	6,487	1.1	- 2,379	- 26.8
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	114,444	849	0.7	- 203	- 19.3
Services	408,347	3,746	0.9	- 1,295	- 25.7
State Government	111,840	767	0.7	- 243	- 24.1
Local Government	251,799	1,304	0.5	- 442	- 25.3
Other 3/	----	4,259	----	- 1,617	- 27.5

1/ These include new and additional claims. Additional claims are claims which are reopened during the course of an established benefit year.

2/ "Other Manufacturing" includes Petroleum Refining, Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

3/ "Other" includes persons who filed but did not establish a benefit year due to insufficient industry attachment and/or the lack of determination of industry attachment; it also includes Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Mining industry employees.

Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions

April 1987 1/

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed 2/	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs 2/, 3/	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction
Total	10,329	10,094	318	8	1,163
Professional, Technical & Managerial Occupations	388	386	0	0	9
Clerical Occupations	1,356	1,336	9	1	38
Sales Occupations	376	375	0	0	3
Domestic Service Occupations	130	78	0	0	0
Other Service Occupations	1,713	1,691	1	0	14
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery & Related Occupations	514	403	275	0	16
Processing Occupations	639	640	6	0	6
Machine Trade Occupations	1,461	1,461	1	1	34
Benchwork Occupations	1,735	1,726	0	0	5
Structural Work Occupations	1,541	1,492	6	3	997
Motor Freight & Transportation Occupations	283	265	5	1	16
Packaging & Materials Handling Occupations	1,953	1,782	16	2	63
Miscellaneous Occupations	37	32	0	0	0

1/ The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1986 to June 30, 1987.

2/ The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.

3/ A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

(Continued)

Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions

April 1987 1/

Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Services	Public Administration	Government
4,936	391	1,948	150	2,153	331	517
56	5	63	9	163	82	142
228	129	470	83	330	114	145
12	11	293	9	47	2	2
0	0	2	0	73	3	8
118	8	706	9	841	52	113
11	5	24	14	52	8	22
607	0	15	0	9	0	4
1,310	12	29	0	79	5	7
1,547	2	28	0	155	0	3
321	14	63	16	106	47	44
42	69	89	0	41	13	14
1,067	140	219	8	329	2	12
11	1	3	2	10	5	6

1/ The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1986 to June 30, 1987.

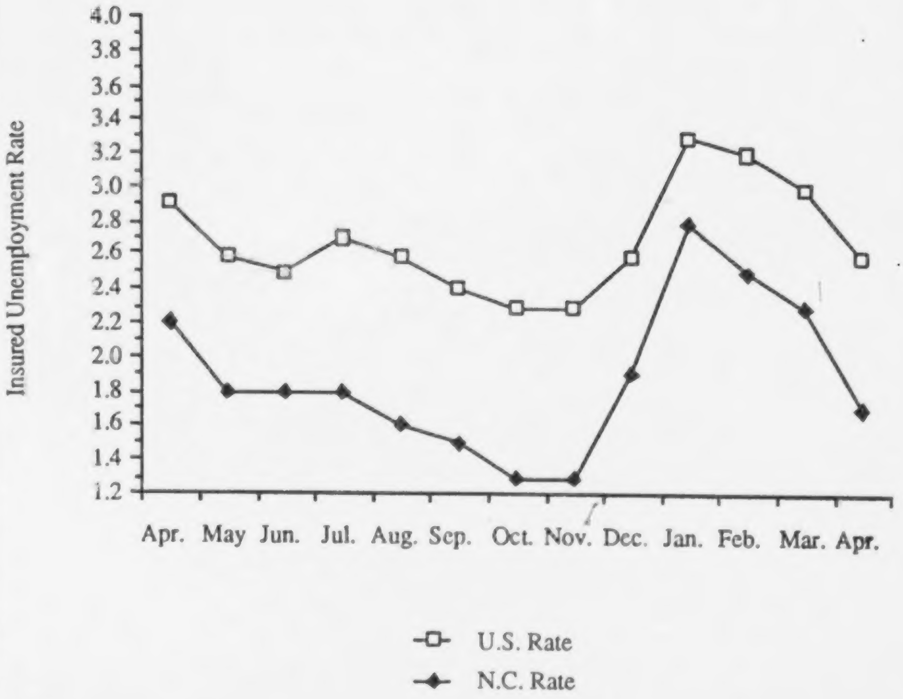
2/ The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.

3/ A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

A Comparison of Insured Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States

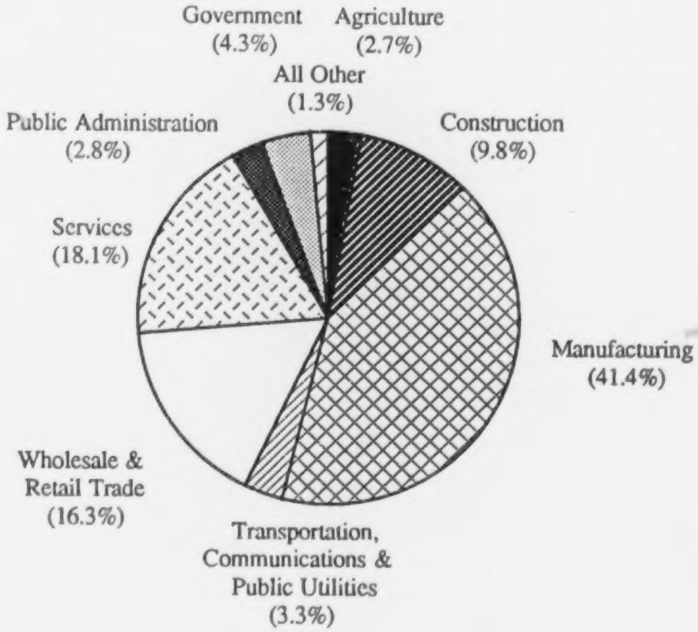
April 1986 - April 1987

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Individuals Placed in Jobs through the Employment Security Commission by Major Industrial Category

April 1987



APPENDIX

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-Supervisory Workers in North Carolina

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina
April 1987 1/
(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Apr. 1987	Mar.* 1987	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,807.1	2,787.1	2,713.8	+ 0.7	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	839.7	838.5	826.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.6
Durable Goods	340.3	339.3	337.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.9
Lumber and Wood Products	37.4	37.4	37.9	0.0	- 1.3
Furniture and Fixtures	87.8	87.1	84.1	+ 0.8	+ 4.4
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	21.1	21.1	20.2	0.0	+ 4.5
Primary Metal Industries	11.1	11.1	11.2	0.0	- 0.9
Fabricated Metal Products	26.4	26.4	26.6	0.0	- 0.8
Machinery, exc. Electrical	56.3	56.0	56.5	+ 0.5	- 0.4
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	57.9	58.1	60.5	- 0.3	- 4.3
Transportation Equipment	25.2	25.1	23.8	+ 0.4	+ 5.9
Other Durable Goods 2/	17.0	17.0	16.5	0.0	+ 3.0
Nondurable Goods	499.4	499.2	488.9	**	+ 2.1
Food and Kindred Products	46.4	46.4	45.8	0.0	+ 1.3
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.1	23.7	24.3	- 2.5	- 4.9
Textile Mill Products	217.1	216.4	209.7	+ 0.3	+ 3.5
Apparel and Other Textile Products	89.9	90.1	88.4	- 0.2	+ 1.7
Paper and Allied Products	21.8	22.0	21.8	- 0.9	0.0
Printing and Publishing	28.2	28.1	27.2	+ 0.4	+ 3.7
Chemicals and Allied Products	37.3	37.2	37.6	+ 0.3	- 0.8
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	31.2	31.0	29.7	+ 0.6	+ 5.1
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.3	4.3	4.4	0.0	- 2.3
Nonmanufacturing	1,967.4	1,949.2	1,887.6	+ 0.9	+ 4.2
Mining	4.8	4.8	4.7	0.0	+ 2.1
Construction	163.0	158.6	154.9	+ 2.8	+ 5.2
Transportation and Public Utilities	133.0	133.3	131.4	- 0.2	+ 1.2
Transportation, exc. Railroad	72.2	72.5	71.9	- 0.4	+ 0.4
Comm. and Electric, Gas, and San. Ser.	56.8	56.8	54.9	0.0	+ 3.5
Wholesale and Retail Trade	620.6	616.6	595.2	+ 0.6	+ 4.3
Wholesale Trade	143.3	142.6	141.0	+ 0.5	+ 1.6
Retail Trade	477.3	474.0	454.2	+ 0.7	+ 5.1
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	124.5	122.8	115.8	+ 1.4	+ 7.5
Service and Miscellaneous 4/	471.8	466.4	449.1	+ 1.2	+ 5.1
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	25.8	25.3	25.9	+ 2.0	- 0.4
Total Government	449.6	446.8	436.6	+ 0.6	+ 3.0
Federal	52.7	52.4	52.1	+ 0.6	+ 1.2
State	131.9	130.2	127.3	+ 1.3	+ 3.6
Local	265.0	264.1	257.2	+ 0.3	+ 3.0

* Revised.

** Less than .05 percent.

1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

2/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

3/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services; Forestry and Fisheries.

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-Supervisory Workers in North Carolina 1/

April 1987 2/

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. 1987	Mar.* 1987	Apr.* 1986	Apr. 1987	Mar.* 1987	Apr.* 1986	Apr. 1987	Mar.* 1987	Apr.* 1986
MANUFACTURING	$313.84	$321.26	$301.44	40.6	41.4	40.3	$ 7.73	$ 7.76	$ 7.48
DURABLE GOODS	328.41	335.27	314.61	41.0	41.7	40.7	8.01	8.04	7.73
Lumber & Wood Products	273.38	278.78	265.20	40.5	41.3	40.8	6.75	6.75	6.50
Furniture & Fixtures	279.89	290.09	268.23	39.7	40.8	39.1	7.05	7.11	6.86
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	358.66	359.55	345.17	41.9	42.3	42.3	8.56	8.50	8.16
Primary Metal Industries	383.30	395.85	375.62	42.4	43.5	42.3	9.04	9.10	8.88
Fabricated Metal Industries	354.60	357.28	330.48	40.9	41.4	40.6	8.67	8.63	8.14
Machinery, exc. Electrical	381.31	391.57	344.40	42.7	43.8	41.0	8.93	8.94	8.40
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	372.19	372.94	362.37	41.4	41.3	41.7	8.99	9.03	8.69
Transportation Equipment	364.23	378.45	360.82	42.5	43.6	42.6	8.57	8.68	8.47
NONDURABLE GOODS	304.67	313.05	292.80	40.3	41.3	40.0	7.56	7.58	7.32
Food & Kindred Products	261.58	263.84	266.78	37.8	37.8	39.7	6.92	6.98	6.72
Tobacco Manufacturers	552.92	560.98	495.97	36.4	37.7	35.2	15.19	14.88	14.09
Textile Mill Products	283.30	294.12	270.19	41.6	43.0	41.0	6.81	6.84	6.59
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	199.56	208.29	197.25	37.3	38.5	37.5	5.35	5.41	5.26
Paper & Allied Products	501.03	493.71	496.69	44.3	44.2	43.8	11.31	11.17	11.34
Printing & Publishing	349.27	351.34	335.81	39.2	39.3	39.6	8.91	8.94	8.48
Chemicals & Allied Products	450.06	446.16	414.96	43.4	42.9	42.3	10.37	10.40	9.81
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Prod.	372.37	391.76	369.15	40.3	41.5	40.7	9.24	9.44	9.07
MINING	375.42	391.44	391.88	44.8	46.6	47.5	8.38	8.40	8.25
COMM. & ELEC., GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	511.60	509.96	490.98	41.9	41.8	42.0	12.21	12.20	11.69
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	209.62	206.40	204.64	32.6	32.3	32.9	6.43	6.39	6.22
Wholesale Trade	334.80	328.75	322.36	40.0	39.8	39.7	8.37	8.26	8.12
Retail Trade	175.64	172.74	171.43	30.6	30.2	31.0	5.74	5.72	5.53
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	142.03	141.55	142.29	29.9	29.8	30.6	4.75	4.75	4.65

---

* Revised.

1/ These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

2/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

April 1987 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
Industry	Apr. 1987	Mar.* 1987	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986
Manufacturing	664.7	664.3	654.5	+ 0.1	+ 1.6
Durable Goods	256.5	255.9	255.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Lumber and Wood Products	31.8	31.8	32.5	0.0	- 2.2
Furniture and Fixtures	76.8	76.3	74.1	+ 0.7	+ 3.6
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	17.0	17.0	16.4	0.0	+ 3.7
Primary Metal Industries	8.1	8.2	8.3	- 1.2	- 2.4
Fabricated Metal Products	19.8	19.8	19.8	0.0	0.0
Machinery, exc. Electrical	28.4	28.3	28.9	+ 0.4	- 1.7
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	41.4	41.7	43.7	- 0.7	- 5.3
Transportation Equipment	20.3	20.3	19.2	0.0	+ 5.7
Nondurable Goods	408.3	408.4	399.3	**	+ 2.3
Food and Kindred Products	32.7	32.8	32.4	- 0.3	+ 0.9
Tobacco Manufacturers	17.7	18.2	18.3	- 2.7	- 3.3
Textile Mill Products	191.9	191.3	185.2	+ 0.3	+ 3.6
Apparel and Other Textile Products	78.2	78.6	77.5	- 0.5	+ 0.9
Paper and Allied Products	16.4	16.5	16.4	- 0.6	0.0
Printing and Publishing	17.6	17.5	16.8	+ 0.6	+ 4.8
Chemicals and Allied Products	24.4	24.3	24.7	+ 0.4	- 1.2
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	25.7	25.5	24.3	+ 0.8	+ 5.8
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.6	3.6	3.7	0.0	- 2.7

* Revised.

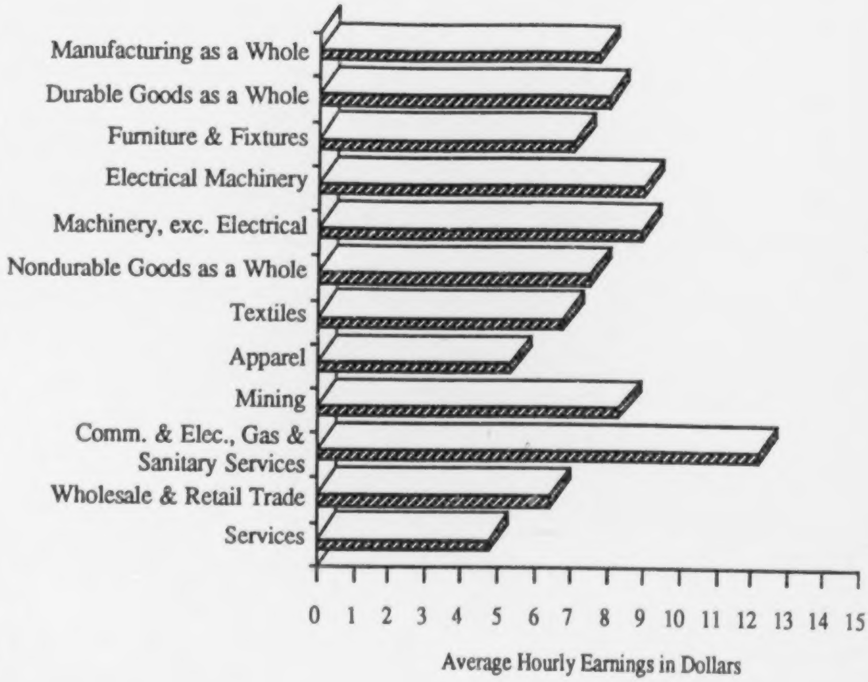
** Less than .05 percent.

1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

2/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

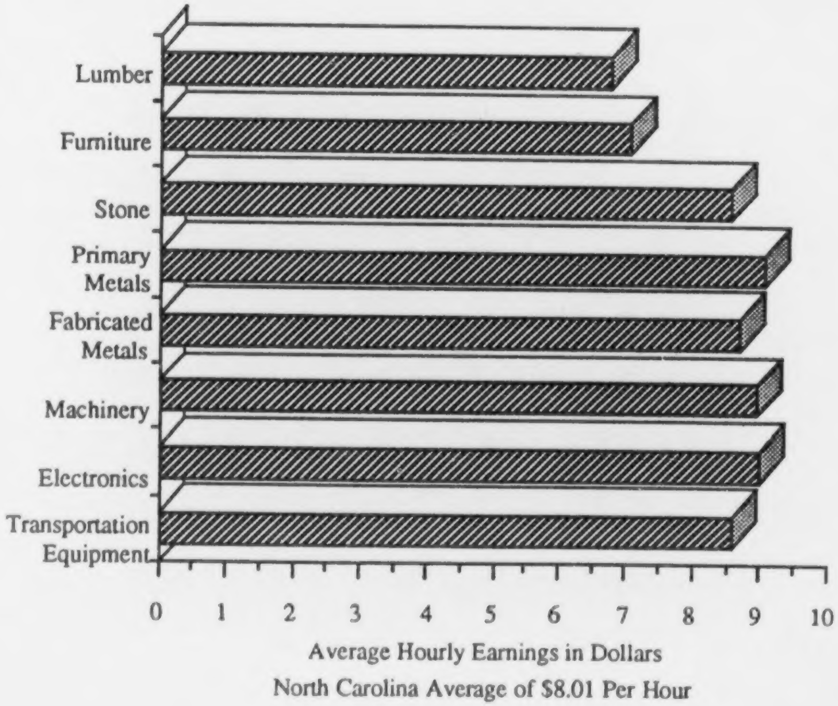
Average Hourly Earnings by Major Industry Sectors in North Carolina

April 1987



Average Hourly Earnings in Durable Goods Compared to the North Carolina Average

April 1987



9/16/87 S5925-5

For more information regarding Labor Market Information, you may contact:

Labor Market Information Division
Employment Security Commission of North Carolina
700 Wade Avenue
Post Office Box 25903
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

Telephone: (919) 733-2936

One thousand copies of this public document were printed at a cost of $100.00, or $.10 per copy.

State Labor Summary: North Carolina

May 1987

Project Supervisor:
Joe Richardson

Labor Market Information Division
Employment Security Commission of North Carolina
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

State Labor Summary: North Carolina

May 1987

HIGHLIGHTS

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in North Carolina dropped from 4.7 percent in April to 4.3 in May. The state was below the national rate of 6.1 for May. Over the year, May 1986 - May 1987, North Carolina's unemployment rate declined from 5.7 to 4.3.

Both employment and unemployment, after seasonal adjustments, declined over the month. Employment decreased by 11,000, and the number of jobless persons dropped by 16,000. Employment increased by 133,000 over the year, while unemployment decreased by 39,000. The civilian labor force was down by 27,000 workers for the month, but increased about three percent over the year.

The number of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits dropped by 9,249 for May 1987. The largest decrease in the manufacturing sector was in the apparel industry (-865). In nonmanufacturing, weeks claimed by construction workers was down 2,115, while the number decreased by 1,140 in trade.

Individuals placed in jobs through the Employment Security Commission totaled 11,052 in May 1987, 723 more than in April. The largest number, 8,148,was placed in processing occupations, and 5,279 were placed in manufacturing industries. In nonmanufacturing, 2,173 placements were made in services.

There was an increase of 2,600 (+0.4 percent) production workers from April 1987 to May 1987. The largest increases occurred in the textile industry, +700; apparel, +600; and in electrical machinery, +500. From a year ago the number of production workers grew by 12,600 (+1.9 percent). Textiles gained 6,700, and furniture saw an increase of 2,400.

In the published industries, production workers in the tobacco industry were paid the highest average weekly earnings, $593.54. Workers in the paper industry were the next highest paid at $496.59. The shortest workweek was in the apparel industry where production workers averaged 37.7 hours per week. In the nonmanufacturing industries, the highest nonsupervisory wage earners were in communications and public utilities averaging $518.64 a week.

Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

May 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year May 1986	Time Series Data: December 1986 through May 1987					
		Dec. 1986	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,747	4,792	4,802	4,809	4,816	4,822	4,829
Civilian Labor Force	3,146	3,221	3,271	3,290	3,264	3,267	3,240
Participation Rate 1/	66.3	67.2	68.1	68.4	67.8	67.8	67.1
Employed	2,968	3,048	3,115	3,122	3,107	3,112	3,101
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	62.5	63.6	64.9	64.9	64.5	64.5	64.2
Unemployed	178	173	156	168	157	155	139
Unemployment Rate	5.7	5.4	4.8	5.1	4.8	4.7	4.3
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	----	----	----	----	----	----	----

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year May 1986	Time Series Data: March 1987 through May 1987		
		Mar. 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,747	4,816	4,822	4,829
Civilian Labor Force	3,156	3,239	3,226	3,250
Participation Rate 1/	66.5	67.3	66.9	67.3
Employed	2,984	3,079	3,086	3,114
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	62.9	63.9	64.0	64.5
Unemployed	172	160	140	136
Unemployment Rate	5.4	4.9	4.3	4.2
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	1.8	2.3	1.7	INA*

---

* Information not available.

1/ The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

2/ The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.

3/ The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

May 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: December 1986 through May 1987					
	May 1986	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	180,311	181,547	181,827	181,998	182,179	182,344	182,533
Civilian Labor Force	117,587	118,586	119,034	119,349	119,222	119,335	119,993
Participation Rate 1/	65.2	65.3	65.5	65.6	65.4	65.4	65.7
Employed	109,165	110,637	111,011	111,382	111,368	111,835	112,447
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	60.5	60.9	61.1	61.2	61.1	61.3	61.6
Unemployed	8,422	7,949	8,023	7,967	7,854	7,500	7,546
Unemployment Rate	7.2	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.3	6.3
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.8	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.5	INA*

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: March 1987 through May 1987		
	May 1986	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	180,311	182,179	182,344	182,533
Civilian Labor Force	117,199	118,353	118,347	119,695
Participation Rate 1/	65.0	65.0	64.9	65.6
Employed	109,041	110,229	111,041	112,377
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	60.5	60.5	60.9	61.6
Unemployed	8,158	8,124	7,306	7,318
Unemployment Rate	7.0	6.9	6.2	6.1
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.6	3.0	2.6	INA*

---

* Information not available.

1/ The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

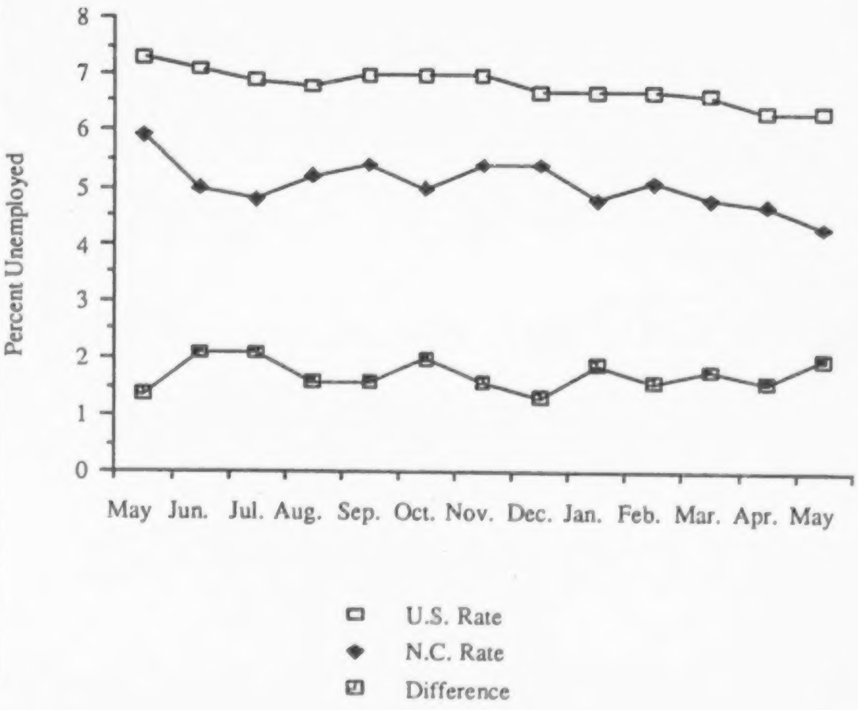
2/ The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.

3/ The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

A Comparison of Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States

May 1986 -
May 1987

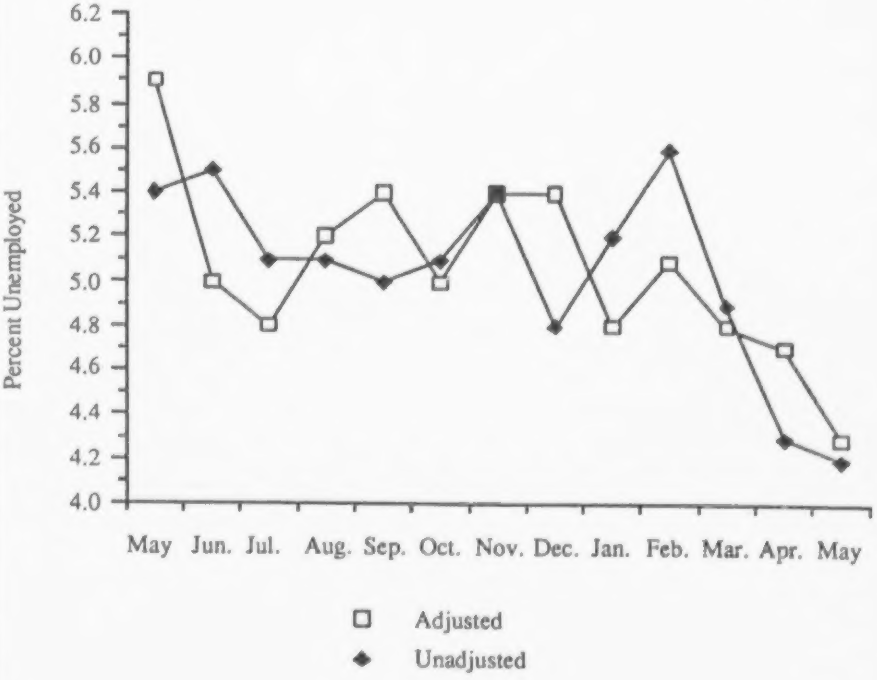
(Seasonally Adjusted)



North Carolina Unemployment Rates

May 1986 -
May 1987

(Adjusted and Unadjusted)



Industry Employment in North Carolina

May 1987 1/

(Seasonally Adjusted)

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Total Employment			Change From:			
				April 1987		May 1986	
Classification	May 1987	Apr.* 1987	May* 1986	Net	Percent	Net	Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force 2/	3,250.3	3,225.5	3,156.0	+ 24.8	+ 0.8	+ 94.3	+ 3.0
Unemployment, Total	135.9	140.0	171.5	- 4.1	- 2.9	- 35.6	- 20.8
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.2	4.3	5.4	- 0.1	----	- 1.2	----
Employment, Total	3,114.4	3,085.5	2,984.5	+ 28.9	+ 0.9	+ 129.9	+ 4.4
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force 2/	3,240.0	3,267.0	3,146.0	- 27.0	- 0.8	+ 94.0	+ 3.0
Unemployment, Total	139.0	155.0	178.0	- 16.0	- 10.3	- 39.0	- 21.9
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.3	4.7	5.7	- 0.4	----	- 1.4	----
Employment, Total	3,101.0	3,112.0	2,968.0	- 11.0	- 0.4	+ 133.0	+ 4.5
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,816.5	2,805.9	2,721.7	+ 10.6	+ 0.4	+ 94.8	+ 3.5
Manufacturing	845.5	842.8	829.8	+ 2.7	+ 0.3	+ 15.7	+ 1.9
Durable Goods	342.3	341.5	338.0	+ 0.8	+ 0.2	+ 4.3	+ 1.3
Lumber & Wood Products	37.2	37.7	37.9	- 0.5	- 1.3	- 0.7	- 1.8
Furniture & Fixtures	87.9	87.4	84.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.6	+ 3.4	+ 4.0
Stone, Clay & Glass	21.3	21.3	20.5	0.0	0.0	+ 0.8	+ 3.9
Primary Metals	11.2	11.1	11.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.9	- 0.1	- 0.9
Fabricated Metals	26.8	26.5	26.7	+ 0.3	+ 1.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Machinery, exc. Electrical	56.4	56.4	56.3	0.0	0.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Electrical Machinery	59.2	59.0	60.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.3	- 1.3	- 2.1
Transportation Equipment	25.0	25.0	23.5	0.0	0.0	+ 1.5	+ 6.4
Other Durable Goods 3/	17.3	17.1	16.8	+ 0.2	+ 1.2	+ 0.5	+ 3.0

---

* Revised.

1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

2/ Data are compiled on the basis of "Place of Residency."

3/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

4/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather and Leather Products.

5/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services, Forestry and Fisheries.

6/ This category includes Self-employed workers, unpaid family workers and domestic workers in private households.

(Continued)

Industry Employment in North Carolina

May 1987 1/

(Seasonally Adjusted)

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Total Employment			Change From:			
Classification	May 1987	Apr.• 1987	May* 1986	April 1987		May 1986	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Nondurable Goods	503.2	501.3	491.8	+ 1.9	+ 0.4	+ 11.4	+ 2.3
Food & Kindred Products	47.2	47.4	46.8	- 0.2	- 0.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.8
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.3	24.9	26.1	+ 0.4	+ 1.6	- 0.8	- 3.1
Textile Mill Products	217.1	216.4	209.8	+ 0.7	+ 0.3	+ 7.3	+ 3.5
Apparel & Other Textile Products	91.1	90.2	88.4	+ 0.9	+ 1.0	+ 2.7	+ 3.1
Paper & Allied Products	22.0	21.9	21.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Printing & Publishing	28.2	28.1	27.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	+ 1.0	+ 3.7
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.3	37.3	37.7	0.0	0.0	- 0.4	- 1.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	30.6	30.9	29.7	- 0.3	- 1.0	+ 0.9	+ 3.0
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	4.4	4.2	4.3	+ 0.2	+ 4.8	+ 0.1	+ 2.3
Nonmanufacturing	1,971.0	1,963.1	1,891.9	+ 7.9	+ 0.4	+ 79.1	+ 4.2
Mining	4.8	4.8	4.7	0.0	0.0	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
Construction	164.5	164.8	155.4	- 0.3	- 0.2	+ 9.1	+ 5.9
Transportation & Public Utilities	134.5	134.6	132.8	- 0.1	- 0.1	+ 1.7	+ 1.3
Transportation, exc. Railroad	73.2	73.4	72.8	- 0.2	- 0.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
Comm. & Elec., Gas & San. Ser.	57.2	57.1	55.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.8	+ 3.2
Wholesale & Retail Trade	628.6	625.4	605.9	+ 3.2	+ 0.5	+ 22.7	+ 3.7
Wholesale Trade	145.3	144.5	143.1	+ 0.8	+ 0.6	+ 2.2	+ 1.5
Retail Trade	483.3	480.9	462.8	+ 2.4	+ 0.5	+ 20.5	+ 4.4
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	126.6	125.1	117.4	+ 1.5	+ 1.2	+ 9.2	+ 7.8
Service & Miscellaneous 5/	473.8	471.7	450.2	+ 2.1	+ 0.4	+ 23.6	+ 5.2
Total Government	438.2	436.7	425.5	+ 1.5	+ 0.3	+ 12.7	+ 3.0
Federal	52.7	52.8	52.0	- 0.1	- 0.2	+ 0.7	+ 1.3
State	127.1	126.8	122.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.2	+ 4.2	+ 3.4
Local	258.4	257.1	250.6	+ 1.3	+ 0.5	+ 7.8	+ 3.1
All Other Nonag. Employment 6/	256.0	254.7	243.3	+ 1.3	+ 0.5	+ 12.7	+ 5.2
Agriculture	55.6	49.6	59.7	+ 6.0	+ 12.1	- 4.1	- 6.9

---

* Revised.

1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

2/ Data are compiled on the basis of "Place of Residency."

3/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

4/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather and Leather Products.

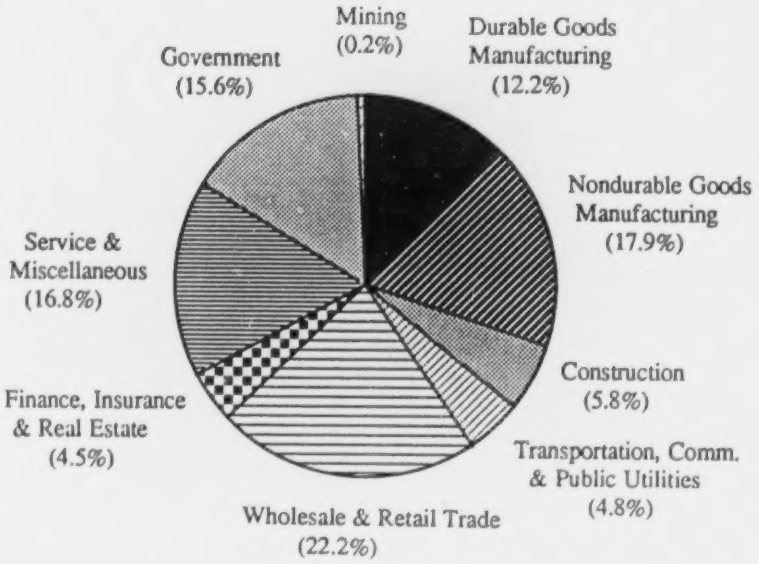
5/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services, Forestry and Fisheries.

6/ This category includes Self-employed workers, unpaid family workers and domestic workers in private households.

Composition of Nonagricultural Employment in North Carolina

May 1987

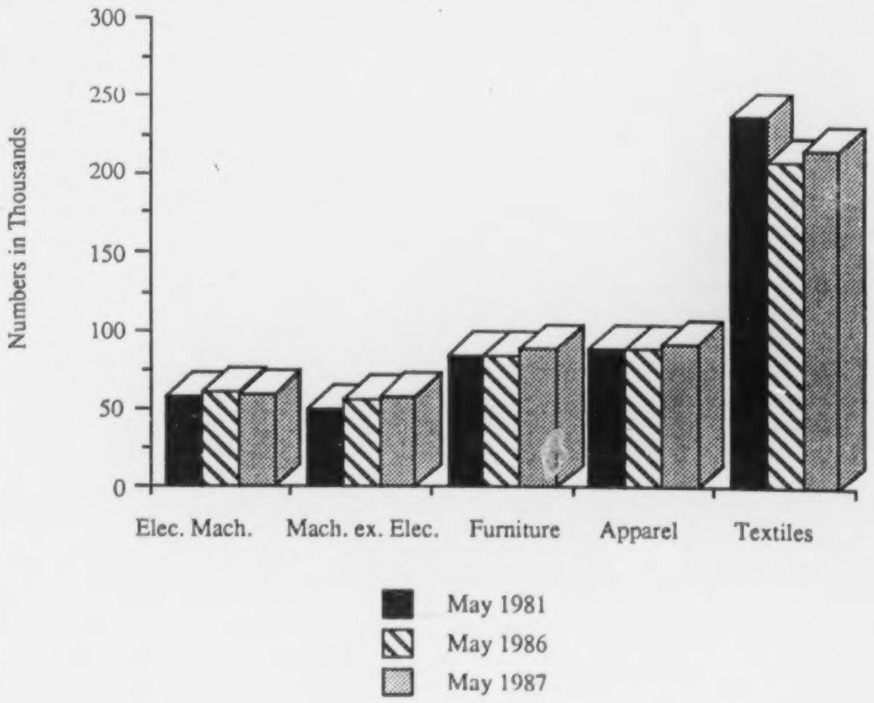
(Seasonally Adjusted)



Employment Levels in Major Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

May 1987

(Seasonally Adjusted)



Insured Unemployment in North Carolina: Claims Taking Activities by Major Industry Sector 1/

May 1987

Industry of Primary Attachment	Insured Employment	Weekly Total	% of Insured Employment	Change From Previous Month Numerical	Change From Previous Month Percent
		Weeks Claimed			
Total All Industries	2,635,144	35,446	1.3	- 9,249	- 20.7
Manufacturing Total	826,984	16,274	2.0	- 3,248	- 16.6
Food Products	46,964	818	1.7	- 455	- 35.7
Tobacco	24,487	1,139	4.7	- 219	- 16.1
Textile Products	212,454	4,120	1.9	- 349	- 7.8
Apparel Products	85,020	3,231	3.8	- 865	- 21.1
Lumber and Wood	37,750	865	2.3	- 312	- 26.5
Furniture and Fixtures	84,020	1,239	1.5	+ 126	+ 11.3
Paper and Allied	21,898	188	0.9	- 32	- 14.5
Printing and Publishing	27,548	237	0.9	- 45	- 16.0
Chemicals and Allied	38,191	268	0.7	- 64	- 19.3
Rubber and Plastics	30,616	517	1.7	- 16	- 3.0
Leather Products	3,671	71	1.9	- 22	- 23.7
Stone, Clay and Glass	19,990	284	1.4	- 119	- 29.5
Primary and Fabricated Metals	37,331	638	1.7	- 89	- 12.2
Nonelectrical Machinery	56,626	706	1.2	- 225	- 24.2
Electrical and Electronic Machinery	59,726	1,233	2.1	- 415	- 25.2
Transportation Equipment	23,200	431	1.9	- 102	- 19.1
Other Manufacturing 2/	17,492	289	1.7	- 45	- 13.5
Construction	154,537	4,439	2.9	- 2,115	- 32.3
Transportation, Comm. and Utilities	127,984	1,045	0.8	- 162	- 13.4
Trade	610,799	5,347	0.9	- 1,140	- 17.6
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	114,444	713	0.6	- 136	- 16.0
Services	408,347	3,154	0.8	- 592	- 15.8
State Government	111,840	332	0.3	- 435	- 56.7
Local Government	251,799	635	0.3	- 669	- 51.3
Other 3/	-----	3,507	---	- 752	- 17.7

1/ These include new and additional claims. Additional claims are claims which are reopened during the course of an established benefit year.

2/ "Other Manufacturing" includes Petroleum Refining, Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

3/ "Other" includes persons who filed but did not establish a benefit year due to insufficient industry attachment and/or the lack of determination of industry attachment; it also includes Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Mining industry employees.

Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions

May 1987 1/

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed 2/	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs 2/, 3/	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction
Total	11,052	10,676	621	11	1,249
Professional, Technical & Managerial Occupations	320	320	2	1	8
Clerical Occupations	1,250	1,217	2	2	38
Sales Occupations	412	402	1	0	2
Domestic Service Occupations	180	121	4	0	1
Other Service Occupations	1,742	1,717	1	0	18
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery & Related Occupations	908	680	585	0	8
Processing Occupations	8,148	848	9	0	2
Machine Trade Occupations	1,471	1,469	5	0	55
Benchwork Occupations	1,913	1,901	0	2	7
Structural Work Occupations	1,679	1,631	9	2	1,073
Motor Freight & Transportation Occupations	287	269	4	0	38
Packaging & Materials Handling Occupations	1,970	1,792	22	4	32
Miscellaneous Occupations	52	50	0	0	2

1/ The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1986 to June 30, 1987.

2/ The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.

3/ A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

(Continued)

Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions

May 1987 1/

Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Services	Public Administration	Government
5,279	391	1,918	200	2,173	293	541
60	8	47	5	123	68	117
246	86	377	74	384	82	135
6	2	334	15	44	0	5
0	0	6	0	110	0	13
108	43	683	73	797	62	151
11	1	9	19	53	12	13
785	0	29	0	34	0	0
1,284	10	52	0	77	2	8
1,673	2	42	0	183	12	3
372	25	39	7	148	38	52
32	66	86	0	42	10	19
1,127	148	285	6	234	3	4
10	5	4	1	24	4	28

1/ The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1986 to June 30, 1987.

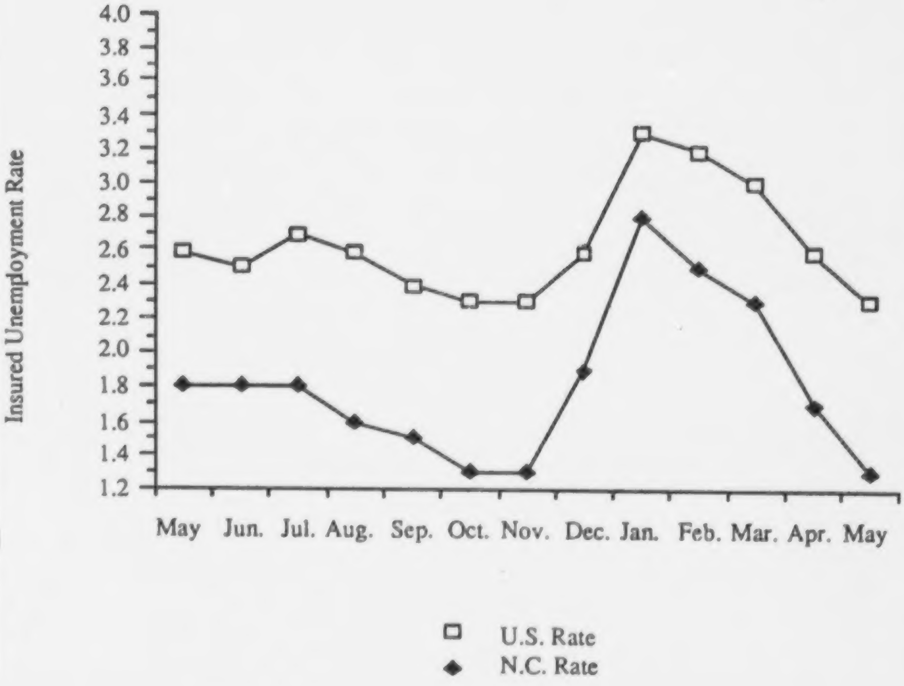
2/ The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.

3/ A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

A Comparison of Insured Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States

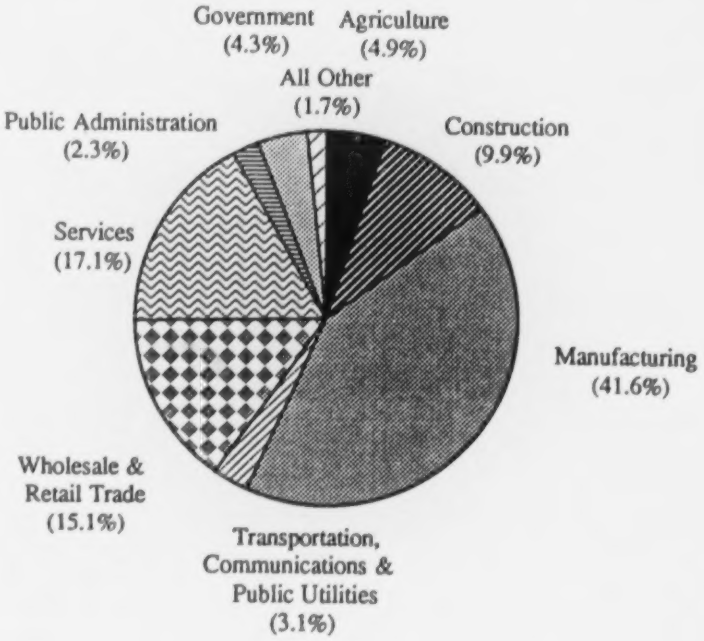
May 1986 - May 1987

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Individuals Placed in Jobs through the Employment Security Commission by Major Industrial Category

May 1987



APPENDIX

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-Supervisory Workers in North Carolina

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted)
in North Carolina
May 1987 1/
(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment May 1987	 Apr.* 1987	 May 1986	Percent Change From: Apr. 1987	 May 1986
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,823.1	2,808.1	2,727.9	+ 0.5	+ 3.5
Manufacturing	844.0	840.5	828.0	+ 0.4	+ 1.9
Durable Goods	341.6	340.5	337.3	+ 0.3	+ 1.3
Lumber and Wood Products	37.5	37.5	38.2	0.0	- 1.8
Furniture and Fixtures	87.6	87.7	84.2	- 0.1	+ 4.0
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	21.4	21.2	20.5	+ 0.9	+ 4.4
Primary Metal Industries	11.2	11.1	11.3	+ 0.9	- 0.9
Fabricated Metal Products	26.8	26.4	26.7	+ 1.5	+ 0.4
Machinery, exc. Electrical	56.4	56.2	56.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.2
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	58.7	58.2	60.0	+ 0.9	- 2.2
Transportation Equipment	25.1	25.2	23.6	- 0.4	+ 6.4
Other Durable Goods 2/	17.0	17.0	16.5	0.0	+ 3.0
Nondurable Goods	502.3	500.0	490.6	+ 0.5	+ 2.4
Food and Kindred Products	46.7	46.6	46.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.5	23.0	24.2	+ 2.2	- 2.9
Textile Mill Products	218.0	217.3	210.7	+ 0.3	+ 3.5
Apparel and Other Textile Products	91.0	90.1	88.3	- 1.0	+ 3.1
Paper and Allied Products	21.9	21.9	21.7	0.0	+ 0.9
Printing and Publishing	28.2	28.2	27.2	0.0	+ 3.7
Chemicals and Allied Products	37.4	37.4	37.8	0.0	- 1.1
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	31.1	31.1	30.1	0.0	+ 3.3
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.4	4.3	4.3	- 2.3	+ 2.3
Nonmanufacturing	1,979.1	1,967.6	1,899.9	+ 0.6	+ 4.2
Mining	4.9	4.8	4.8	+ 2.1	+ 2.1
Construction	166.0	163.2	156.8	+ 1.7	+ 5.9
Transportation and Public Utilities	134.2	133.8	132.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.2
Transportation, exc. Railroad	72.8	72.8	72.5	0.0	+ 0.4
Comm. and Electric, Gas, and San. Ser.	57.3	56.9	55.5	+ 0.7	+ 3.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	627.1	619.2	604.2	+ 1.3	+ 3.8
Wholesale Trade	143.8	143.1	141.7	+ 0.5	+ 1.5
Retail Trade	483.3	476.1	462.5	+ 1.5	+ 4.5
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	126.3	124.5	117.2	+ 1.4	+ 7.8
Service and Miscellaneous 4/	475.2	473.1	451.5	+ 0.4	+ 5.2
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	28.0	26.6	27.3	+ 5.3	+ 2.6
Total Government	445.3	449.0	432.9	- 0.8	+ 2.9
Federal	52.6	52.6	52.0	0.0	+ 1.2
State	126.3	131.3	122.3	- 3.8	+ 3.3
Local	266.4	265.0	258.6	+ 0.5	+ 3.0

* Revised.

1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

2/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

3/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services; Forestry and Fisheries.

Average Earnings and Hours in North Carolina 1/

May 1987 2/

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1987	Apr.* 1987	May* 1986	May 1987	Apr.* 1987	May* 1986	May 1987	Apr.* 1987	May* 1986
MANUFACTURING	$319.76	$312.29	$304.56	41.1	40.4	40.5	$ 7.78	$ 7.73	$ 7.52
DURABLE GOODS	330.86	328.02	315.06	41.1	40.9	40.6	8.05	8.02	7.76
Lumber & Wood Products	280.30	272.03	267.73	41.1	40.3	41.0	6.82	6.75	6.53
Furniture & Fixtures	278.00	279.97	261.67	39.1	39.6	38.2	7.11	7.07	6.85
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	368.51	358.66	339.83	42.8	41.9	41.8	8.61	8.56	8.13
Primary Metal Industries	402.12	384.99	376.85	43.9	42.4	42.2	9.16	9.08	8.93
Fabricated Metal Industries	359.35	353.33	332.92	41.4	40.8	40.6	8.68	8.66	8.20
Machinery, exc. Electrical	383.13	383.49	350.69	43.0	42.8	41.6	8.91	8.96	8.43
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	371.01	368.74	371.39	41.5	41.2	42.3	8.94	8.95	8.78
Transportation Equipment	371.94	360.80	359.11	42.9	42.1	42.7	8.67	8.57	8.41
NONDURABLE GOODS	312.01	302.76	298.49	41.0	40.1	40.5	7.61	7.55	7.37
Food & Kindred Products	274.01	261.58	276.17	39.2	37.8	40.2	6.99	6.92	6.87
Tobacco Manufacturers	593.54	554.44	571.34	39.1	36.5	38.5	15.18	15.19	14.84
Textile Mill Products	290.86	283.71	272.00	42.4	41.6	41.4	6.86	6.82	6.57
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	202.45	197.95	198.60	37.7	37.0	37.9	5.37	5.35	5.24
Paper & Allied Products	496.59	491.87	492.12	44.9	43.8	43.9	11.06	11.23	11.21
Printing & Publishing	361.70	349.27	344.40	40.1	39.2	40.0	9.02	8.91	8.61
Chemicals & Allied Products	434.84	438.18	407.53	42.3	42.5	41.5	10.28	10.31	9.82
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Prod.	399.49	376.25	376.58	41.7	40.5	40.8	9.58	9.29	9.23
MINING	396.48	378.25	404.27	46.7	44.5	48.3	8.49	8.50	8.37
COMM. & ELEC., GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	518.64	517.83	486.72	42.2	42.1	41.6	12.29	12.30	11.70
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	208.66	209.93	203.72	32.4	32.7	32.7	6.44	6.42	6.23
Wholesale Trade	331.50	333.17	323.51	39.7	39.9	39.5	8.35	8.35	8.19
Retail Trade	175.41	176.53	171.19	30.4	30.7	30.9	5.77	5.75	5.54
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	148.97	148.10	139.68	31.1	30.6	30.3	4.79	4.84	4.61

---

* Revised.

1/ These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

2/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

May 1987 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	May 1987	Apr.* 1987	May 1986	Apr. 1987	May 1986
Manufacturing	668.4	665.8	655.8	+ 0.4	+ 1.9
Durable Goods	257.5	256.7	255.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.8
Lumber and Wood Products	31.9	31.9	32.7	0.0	- 2.4
Furniture and Fixtures	76.5	76.7	74.1	- 0.3	+ 3.2
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	17.3	17.0	16.6	+ 1.8	+ 4.2
Primary Metal Industries	8.2	8.2	8.4	0.0	- 2.4
Fabricated Metal Products	20.1	19.8	19.9	+ 1.5	+ 1.0
Machinery, exc. Electrical	28.4	28.3	28.8	+ 0.4	- 1.4
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	42.2	41.7	43.4	+ 1.2	- 2.8
Transportation Equipment	20.3	20.4	19.1	- 0.5	+ 6.3
Nondurable Goods	410.8	409.1	400.4	+ 0.4	+ 2.6
Food and Kindred Products	33.0	33.0	32.8	0.0	+ 0.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	18.1	17.7	18.1	+ 2.3	0.0
Textile Mill Products	192.8	192.1	186.1	+ 0.4	+ 3.6
Apparel and Other Textile Products	79.2	78.6	77.3	+ 0.8	+ 2.5
Paper and Allied Products	16.4	16.5	16.3	- 0.6	+ 0.6
Printing and Publishing	17.6	17.6	16.7	0.0	+ 5.4
Chemicals and Allied Products	24.5	24.4	24.8	+ 0.4	- 1.2
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	25.6	25.6	24.6	0.0	+ 4.1
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.7	3.6	3.6	+ 2.8	+ 2.8

---

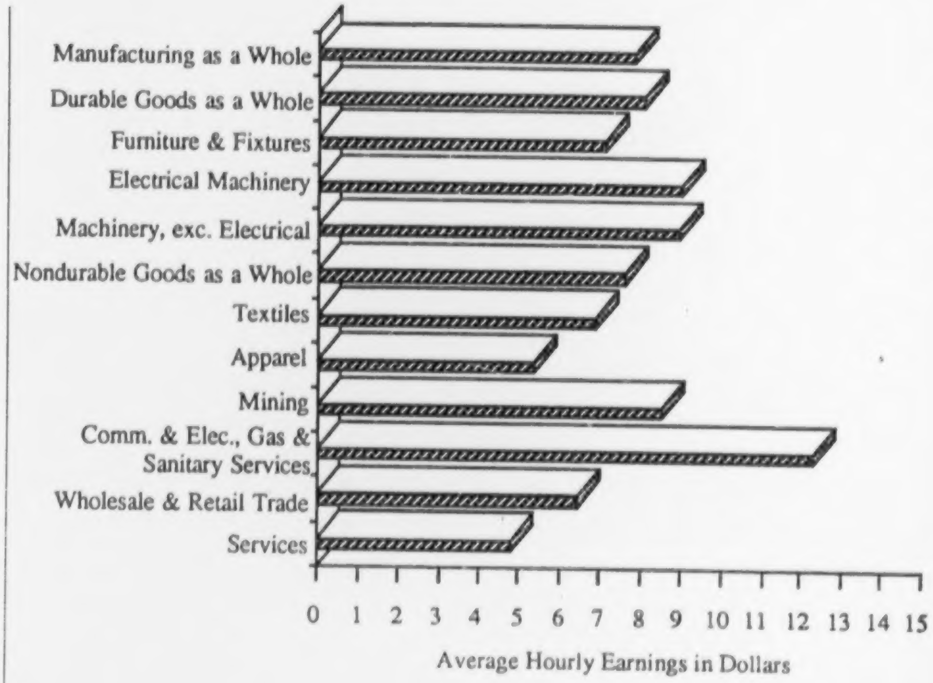
* Revised.

1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

2/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

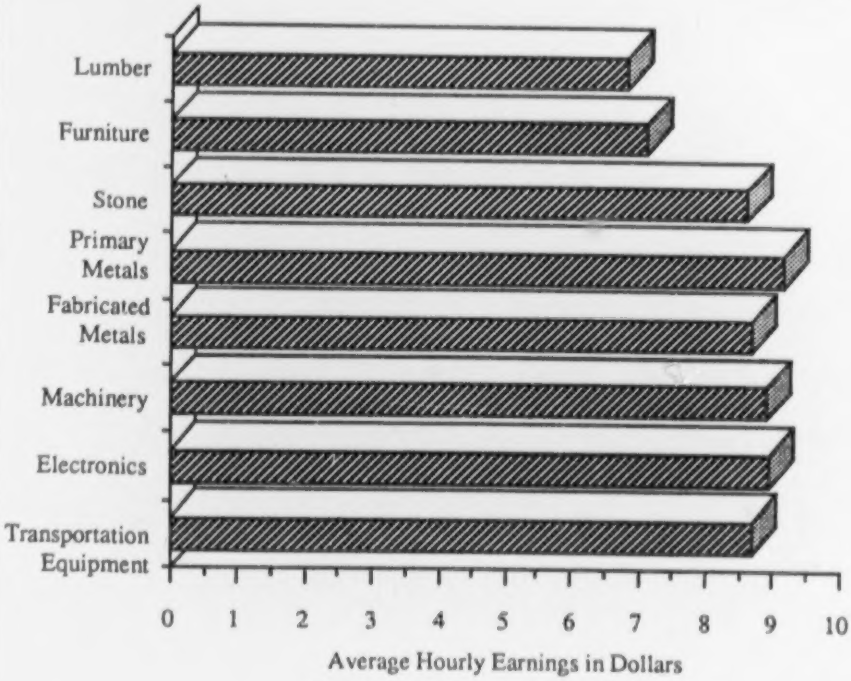
Average Hourly Earnings by Major Industry Sectors in North Carolina

May 1987



Average Hourly Earnings in Durable Goods Industries Compared to the North Carolina Average

May 1987



North Carolina Average of $8.05 Per Hour

9/24/87 S5925-5

For more information regarding Labor Market Information, you may contact:

Labor Market Information Division
Employment Security Commission of North Carolina
700 Wade Avenue
Post Office Box 25903
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

Telephone: (919) 733-2936

One thousand copies of this public document were printed at a cost of $100.00, or $.10 per copy.

State Labor Summary: North Carolina

June 1987

Project Supervisor:
Joe Richardson

Labor Market Information Division
Employment Security Commission of North Carolina
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

State Labor Summary: North Carolina

June 1987

HIGHLIGHTS

After seasonal adjustments, the North Carolina unemployment rate stood at 4.5 percent in June, an increase of 0.2 percent from the previous month. The June 1987 rate reflected a net decrease of 0.6 percent from the June 1986 rate of 5.1. In comparison, the national adjusted unemployment rate was 6.1 in June dropping from the May 1987 rate of 6.3 and from the June 1986 rate of 7.1 percent.

The state's seasonally adjusted civilian labor force reached 3,292,000 in June 1987 for an increase of 52,000 since May 1987. The month's rise reflected an increase of 1.6 percent over the May estimate of 3,240,000. The civilian labor force grew by 100,000 from a year ago for a percentage increase of 3.1.

In June 1987, there were 3,143,000 North Carolinians working according to the seasonally adjusted employment estimate. From the previous month, this represented a growth of 42,000 workers, or a percentage increase of 1.4. The number of employed workers grew by 3.7 percent from June 1986 as employment rose by 113,000. Unemployment was up by 10,000 from a month ago to reach a total of 149,000 in June 1987. Down by eight percent, the number of jobless workers fell 13,000 from June 1986.

Seasonally adjusted industry employment increased by 1,900 workers from May 1987 to June 1987. The over-the-year gain was 94,400 workers (+3.5 percent). For the month nonmanufacturing gained 400 workers, while manufacturing employment grew by 1,500. The textile industry experienced the largest employment growth from both a month ago and a year ago 1,000 and 7,300 respectively, in manufacturing.

The number of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance was 33,676 in June, 1,770 lower than the previous month. In the manufacturing sector, the largest decrease in claims was noted in the textile industry (-617), and in nonmanufacturing, weeks claimed by construction workers were down by 651 from May. Claims filed by state and local government workers increased 278 and 480, respectively, from May to June.

There was a total of 13,909 individuals placed in jobs through the Employment Security Commission during June 1987. The largest number of placements was made in packaging and materials handling occupations, 2,484, and by industry division, the greatest number of placements, 3,397, was made in services.

Increases in the number of production workers were evident over the month (+5,300) and year (+15,300) as most industries experienced growth for both periods. Although nondurable goods added more production workers than durable goods from a month and year ago, the growth rates were about the same. The textile industry led all others in the increased number of production workers from May 1987 (+1,400) and from June 1986 (+6,500).

Production workers in three industry divisions saw an increase in their average weekly earnings of more than $10.00 from May 1987 to June 1987. Tobacco workers earned $55.50 more a week; those in chemicals averaged $13.71 more; and a $10.28 rise was realized by food processing workers. Large average weekly increases over the year occurred in tobacco, plastics, chemicals, and nonelectrical machinery. All manufacturing production workers averaged $7.82 an hour in June 1987, a $.04 gain over the previous month. From June 1986, these workers gained $.33 an hour. In nonmanufacturing, nonsupervisory workers in communication and public utilities earned the highest average hourly earnings in June 1987, and also had the highest weekly earnings.

Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

June 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: January 1987 through June 1987					
	June 1986	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1987	June 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,754	4,802	4,809	4,816	4,822	4,829	4,836
Civilian Labor Force	3,192	3,271	3,290	3,264	3,267	3,240	3,292
Participation Rate 1/	67.1	68.1	68.4	67.8	67.8	67.1	68.1
Employed	3,030	3,115	3,122	3,107	3,112	3,101	3,143
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	63.7	64.9	64.9	64.5	64.5	64.2	65.0
Unemployed	162	156	168	157	155	139	149
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.8	5.1	4.8	4.7	4.3	4.5
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: April 1987 through June 1987		
	June 1986	Apr. 1987	May 1987	June 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,754	4,822	4,829	4,836
Civilian Labor Force	3,220	3,226	3,250	3,316
Participation Rate 1/	67.7	66.9	67.3	68.6
Employed	3,042	3,086	3,114	3,155
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	64.0	64.0	64.5	65.2
Unemployed	177	140	136	162
Unemployment Rate	5.5	4.3	4.2	4.9
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	1.8	1.7	1.3	INA*

---

* Information not available.

1/ The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

2/ The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.

3/ The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

Employment Status of the United States
Civilian Population

June 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year June 1986	Time Series Data: January 1987 through June 1987					
		Jan. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1987	June 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	180,503	181,827	181,998	182,179	182,344	182,533	182,703
Civilian Labor Force	118,005	119,034	119,349	119,222	119,335	119,993	119,517
Participation Rate 1/	65.4	65.5	65.6	65.4	65.4	65.7	65.4
Employed	109,613	111,011	111,382	111,368	111,835	112,447	112,257
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	60.7	61.1	61.2	61.1	61.3	61.6	61.4
Unemployed	8,392	8,023	7,967	7,854	7,500	7,546	7,260
Unemployment Rate	7.1	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.1
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.4	INA*

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year June 1986	Time Series Data: April 1987 through June 1987		
		Apr. 1987	May 1987	June 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	180,503	182,344	182,533	182,703
Civilian Labor Force	119,644	118,347	119,695	121,153
Participation Rate 1/	66.3	64.9	65.6	66.3
Employed	110,869	111,041	112,377	113,498
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	61.4	60.9	61.6	62.1
Unemployed	8,775	7,306	7,318	7,655
Unemployment Rate	7.3	6.2	6.1	6.3
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.5	2.6	2.3	INA*

---

* Information not available.

1/ The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

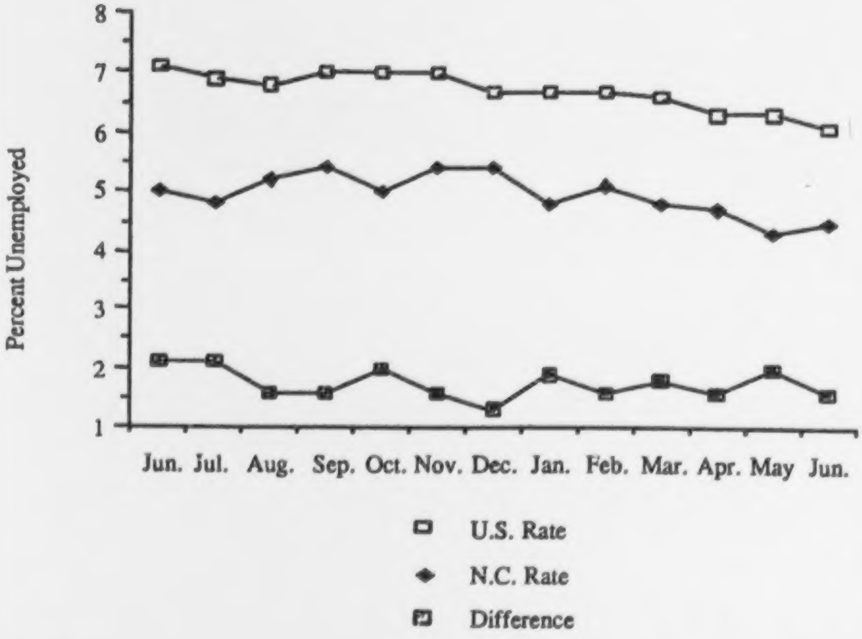
2/ The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.

3/ The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

A Comparison of Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States

June 1986-
June 1987

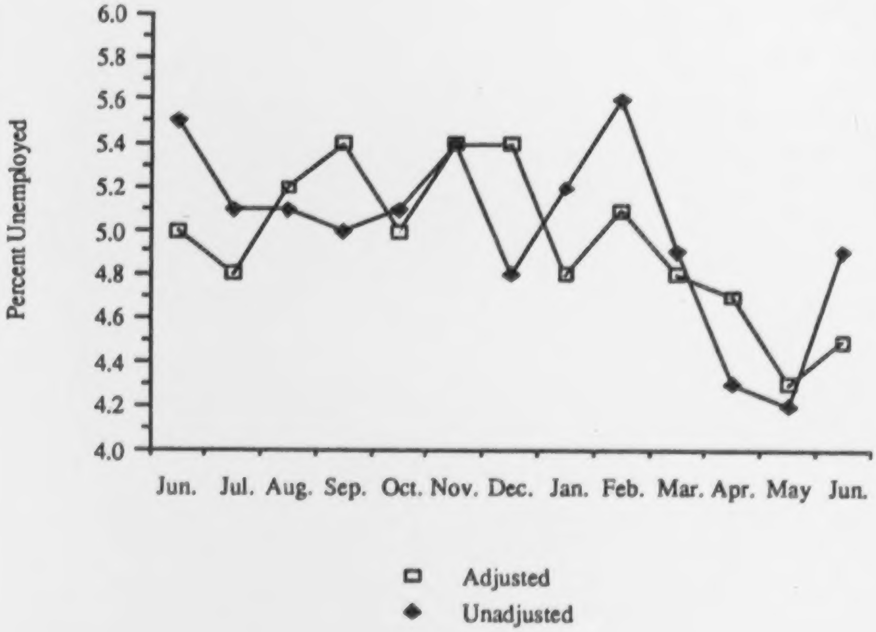
(Seasonally
Adjusted)



North Carolina Unemployment Rates

June 1986 -
June 1987

(Adjusted and
Unadjusted)



Industry Employment in North Carolina

June 1987 1/

(Seasonally Adjusted)

(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment June 1987	May* 1987	June* 1986	Change From: May 1987 Net	May 1987 Percent	June 1986 Net	June 1986 Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force 2/	3,316.2	3,250.3	3,219.7	+ 65.9	+ 2.0	+ 96.5	+ 3.0
Unemployment, Total	161.5	135.9	177.2	+ 25.6	+ 18.8	- 15.7	- 8.9
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.9	4.2	5.5	+ 0.7	----	- 0.6	----
Employment, Total	3,154.7	3,114.4	3,042.5	+ 40.3	+ 1.3	+ 112.2	+ 3.7
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force 2/	3,292.0	3,240.0	3,192.0	+ 52.0	+ 1.6	+ 100.0	+ 3.1
Unemployment, Total	149.0	139.0	162.0	+ 10.0	+ 7.2	- 13.0	- 8.0
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.5	4.3	5.1	+ 0.2	----	- 0.6	----
Employment, Total	3,143.0	3,101.0	3,030.0	+ 42.0	+ 1.4	+ 113.0	+ 3.7
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,818.6	2,816.7	2,724.2	+ 1.9	+ 0.1	+ 94.4	+ 3.5
Manufacturing	847.6	846.1	827.3	+ 1.5	+ 0.2	+ 20.3	+ 2.5
Durable Goods	343.4	342.9	333.6	+ 0.5	+ 0.1	+ 9.8	+ 2.9
Lumber & Wood Products	37.2	37.2	37.8	0.0	0.0	- 0.6	- 1.6
Furniture & Fixtures	88.2	87.9	84.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.3	+ 3.9	+ 4.6
Stone, Clay & Glass	21.6	21.4	20.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.9	+ 1.2	+ 5.9
Primary Metals	11.4	11.3	11.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.9	+ 0.4	+ 3.6
Fabricated Metals	26.9	26.7	26.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.7	+ 0.4	+ 1.5
Machinery, exc. Electrical	56.7	56.6	56.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.5	+ 0.9
Electrical Machinery	58.8	59.3	56.8	- 0.5	- 0.8	+ 2.0	+ 3.5
Transportation Equipment	25.3	25.2	23.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	+ 1.6	+ 6.8
Other Durable Goods 3/	17.3	17.3	16.9	0.0	0.0	+ 0.4	+ 2.4

---

* Revised.

1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

2/ Data are compiled on the basis of "Place of Residency."

3/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

4/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather and Leather Products.

5/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services, Forestry and Fisheries.

6/ This category includes Self-employed workers, unpaid family workers and domestic workers in private households.

(Continued)

Industry Employment in North Carolina

June 1987 1/

(Seasonally Adjusted)

(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment June 1987	 May* 1987	 June 1986	Change From: May 1987 Net	 Percent	 June 1986 Net	 Percent
Nondurable Goods	504.2	503.2	493.7	+ 1.0	+ 0.2	+ 10.5	+ 2.1
Food & Kindred Products	46.8	47.2	47.4	- 0.4	- 0.8	- 0.6	- 1.3
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.9	25.3	26.0	- 0.4	- 1.6	- 1.1	- 4.2
Textile Mill Products	218.3	217.3	211.0	+ 1.0	+ 0.5	+ 7.3	+ 3.5
Apparel & Other Textile Products	91.1	91.0	88.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.5	+ 2.8
Paper & Allied Products	22.1	22.0	21.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.3	+ 1.4
Printing & Publishing	28.5	28.2	27.3	+ 0.3	+ 1.1	+ 1.2	+ 4.4
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.4	37.3	37.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	- 0.4	- 1.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	30.6	30.5	29.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.1	+ 3.7
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	4.5	4.4	4.3	+ 0.1	+ 2.3	+ 0.2	+ 4.7
Nonmanufacturing	1,971.0	1,970.6	1,896.9	+ 0.4	**	+ 74.1	+ 3.9
Mining	4.8	4.7	4.7	+ 0.1	+ 2.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
Construction	165.1	164.7	155.5	+ 0.4	+ 0.2	+ 9.6	+ 6.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	134.3	134.6	133.5	- 0.3	- 0.2	+ 0.8	+ 0.6
Transportation, exc. Railroad	73.5	73.1	73.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Comm. & Elec., Gas & San. Ser.	56.9	57.3	55.8	- 0.4	- 0.7	+ 1.1	+ 2.0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	628.1	628.9	607.1	- 0.8	- 0.1	+ 21.0	+ 3.5
Wholesale Trade	145.3	145.5	143.9	- 0.2	- 0.1	+ 1.4	+ 1.0
Retail Trade	482.8	483.4	463.2	- 0.6	- 0.1	+ 19.6	+ 4.2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	126.6	126.5	118.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+ 8.4	+ 7.1
Service & Miscellaneous 5/	474.7	473.5	452.2	+ 1.2	+ 0.3	+ 22.5	+ 5.0
Total Government	437.4	437.7	425.7	- 0.3	- 0.1	+ 11.7	+ 2.7
Federal	52.2	52.6	51.6	- 0.4	- 0.8	+ 0.6	+ 1.2
State	126.2	126.6	122.8	- 0.4	- 0.3	+ 3.4	+ 2.8
Local	259.0	258.5	251.3	+ 0.5	+ 0.2	+ 7.7	+ 3.1
All Other Nonag. Employment 6/	259.1	256.0	249.9	+ 3.1	+ 1.2	+ 9.2	+ 3.7
Agriculture	68.9	55.6	74.0	+ 13.3	+ 23.9	- 5.1	- 6.9

---

* Revised.

1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

2/ Data are compiled on the basis of "Place of Residency."

3/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

4/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather and Leather Products.

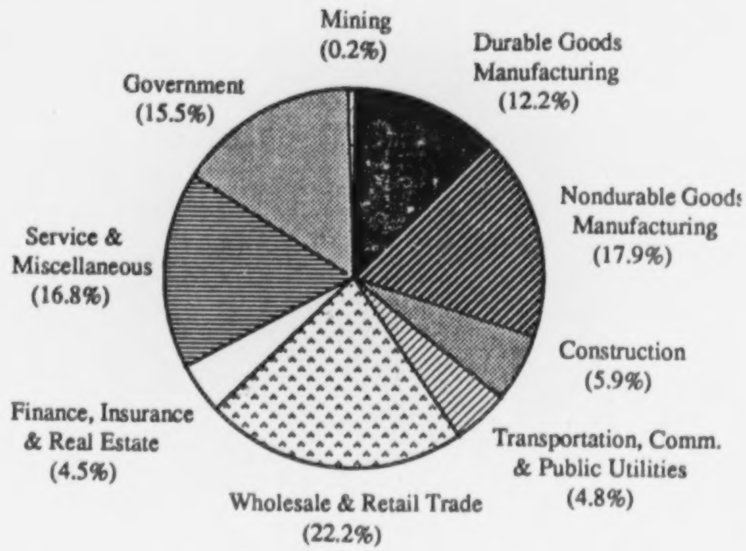
5/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services, Forestry and Fisheries.

6/ This category includes Self-employed workers, unpaid family workers and domestic workers in private households.

Composition of Nonagricultural Employment in North Carolina

June 1987

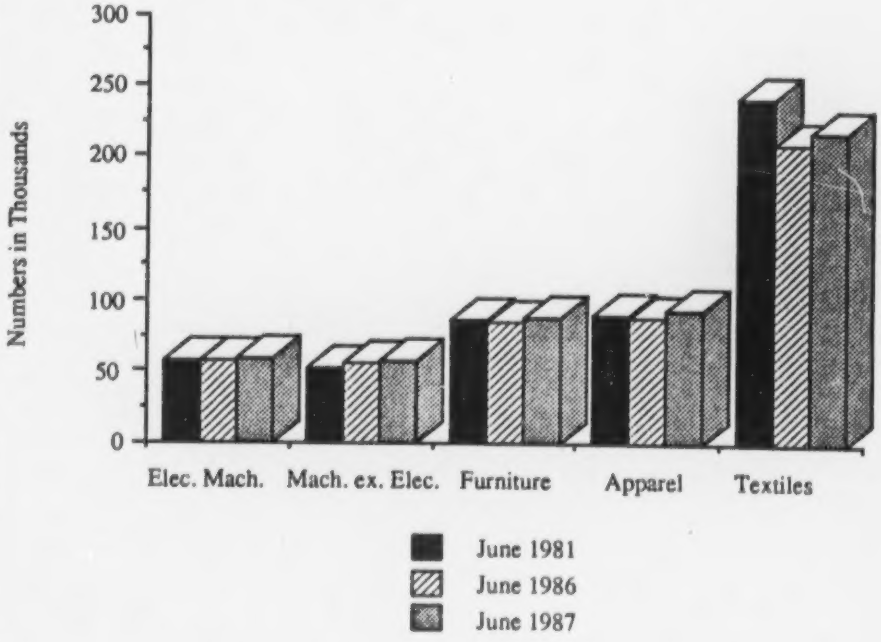
(Seasonally Adjusted)



Employment Levels in Major Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

June 1987

(Seasonally Adjusted)



Insured Unemployment in North Carolina: Claims Taking Activities by Major Industry Sector 1/

June 1987

		Weeks Claimed			
				Change From Previous Month	
Industry of Primary Attachment	Insured Employment	Weekly Total	% of Insured Employment	Numerical	Percent
Total All Industries	2,635,144	33,676	1.3	- 1,770	- 5.0
Manufacturing Total	826,984	14,600	1.8	- 1,674	- 10.3
Food Products	46,964	674	1.4	- 144	- 17.6
Tobacco	24,487	1,165	4.8	+ 26	+ 2.3
Textile Products	212,454	3,503	1.6	- 617	- 15.0
Apparel Products	85,020	3,122	3.7	- 109	- 3.4
Lumber and Wood	37,750	770	2.0	- 95	- 11.0
Furniture and Fixtures	84,020	1,028	1.2	- 211	- 17.0
Paper and Allied	21,898	147	0.7	- 41	- 21.8
Printing and Publishing	27,548	248	0.9	+ 11	+ 4.6
Chemicals and Allied	38,191	229	0.6	- 39	- 14.6
Rubber and Plastics	30,616	449	1.5	- 68	- 13.2
Leather Products	3,671	59	1.6	- 12	- 16.9
Stone, Clay and Glass	19,990	233	1.2	- 51	- 18.0
Primary and Fabricated Metals	37,331	578	1.5	- 60	- 9.4
Nonelectrical Machinery	56,626	659	1.2	- 47	- 6.7
Electrical and Electronic Machinery	59,726	1,050	1.8	- 183	- 14.8
Transportation Equipment	23,200	358	1.5	- 73	- 16.9
Other Manufacturing 2/	17,492	328	1.9	+ 39	+ 13.5
Construction	154,537	3,788	2.5	- 651	- 14.7
Transportation, Comm. and Utilities	127,984	967	0.8	- 78	- 7.5
Trade	610,799	5,470	0.9	+ 123	- 2.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	114,444	685	0.6	- 28	- 3.9
Services	408,347	3,037	0.7	- 117	- 3.7
State Government	111,840	610	0.5	+ 278	+ 83.7
Local Government	251,799	1,115	0.4	+ 480	+ 75.6
Other 3/	—	3,404	—	- 103	- 2.9

1/ These include new and additional claims. Additional claims are claims which are reopened during the course of an established benefit year.

2/ "Other Manufacturing" includes Petroleum Refining, Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

3/ "Other" includes persons who filed but did not establish a benefit year due to insufficient industry attachment and/or the lack of determination of industry attachment; it also includes Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Mining industry employees.

Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions

June 1987 1/

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed 2/	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs 2/, 3/	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction
Total	13,909	13,244	1,522	16	1,351
Professional, Technical & Managerial Occupations	435	431	8	0	5
Clerical Occupations	1,782	1,774	4	0	37
Sales Occupations	400	394	0	0	4
Domestic Service Occupations	137	97	0	0	1
Other Service Occupations	2,386	2,354	1	0	17
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery & Related Occupation	2,075	1,523	1,390	1	12
Processing Occupations	909	906	25	0	10
Machine Trade Occupations	1,394	1,389	0	0	51
Benchwork Occupations	1,744	1,738	0	0	5
Structural Work Occupations	1,906	1,859	7	7	1,153
Motor Freight & Transportation Occupations	345	310	3	1	36
Packaging & Materials Handling Occupations	2,484	2,324	92	5	41
Miscellaneous Occupations	44	39	0	2	5

1/ The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1986 to June 30, 1987.

2/ The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.

3/ A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

(Continued)

Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions

June 1987 1/

Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Services	Public Administration	Government
5,045	443	2,267	174	3,397	619	1,471
82	6	60	9	151	118	186
235	70	565	85	689	168	409
14	3	285	14	76	2	3
0	0	0	0	95	1	14
117	105	858	20	1,158	156	384
8	1	6	29	50	34	44
816	0	54	1	2	0	1
1,212	12	43	0	81	2	7
1,535	0	35	0	183	0	1
376	33	72	16	199	73	118
22	81	118	0	41	21	26
1,011	135	250	2	803	42	294
7	6	3	0	6	10	11

1/ The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1986 to June 30, 1987.

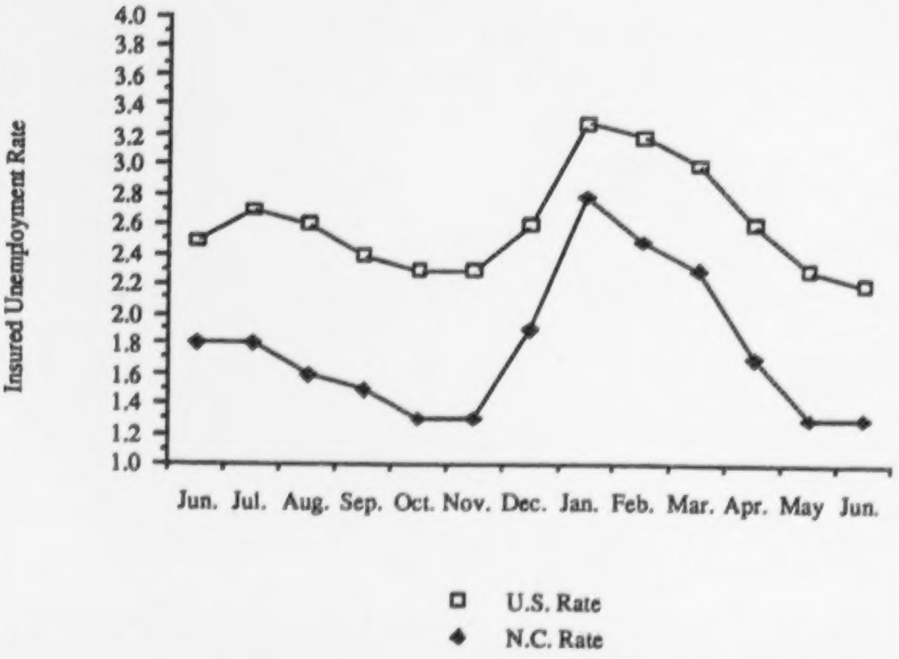
2/ The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.

3/ A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

A Comparison of Insured Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States

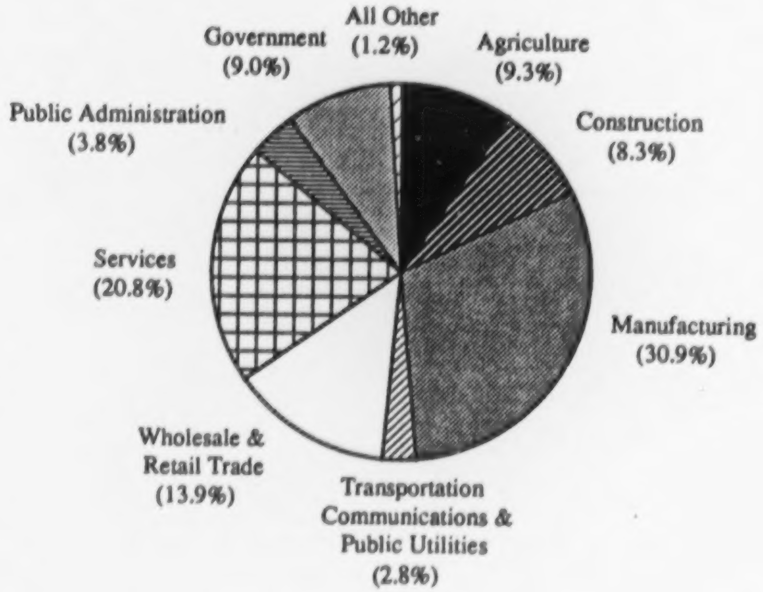
June 1986 - June 1987

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Individuals Placed in Jobs through the Employment Security Commission by Major Industrial Category

June 1987



APPENDIX

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-Supervisory Workers in North Carolina

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina June 1987 1/ (Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	June 1987	May* 1987	June 1986	May 1987	June 1986
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,838.6	2,823.1	2,743.5	+ 0.5	+ 3.5
Manufacturing	850.6	844.5	829.9	+ 0.7	+ 2.5
Durable Goods	344.6	342.2	334.7	+ 0.7	+ 3.0
Lumber and Wood Products	37.8	37.5	38.4	+ 0.8	- 1.6
Furniture and Fixtures	88.0	87.6	84.1	+ 0.5	+ 4.6
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	21.8	21.5	20.6	+ 1.4	+ 5.8
Primary Metal Industries	11.4	11.3	11.0	+ 0.9	+ 3.6
Fabricated Metal Products	27.0	26.7	26.6	+ 1.1	+ 1.5
Machinery, exc. Electrical	56.9	56.6	56.4	+ 0.5	+ 0.9
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	58.9	58.8	56.9	+ 0.2	+ 3.5
Transportation Equipment	25.6	25.3	23.9	+ 1.2	+ 7.1
Other Durable Goods 2/	17.2	17.0	16.8	+ 1.2	+ 2.4
Nondurable Goods	506.0	502.3	495.2	+ 0.7	+ 2.2
Food and Kindred Products	47.4	46.7	48.0	+ 1.5	- 1.2
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.5	23.5	24.5	0.0	- 4.1
Textile Mill Products	219.8	218.2	212.5	+ 0.7	+ 3.4
Apparel and Other Textile Products	91.3	90.9	88.8	+ 0.4	+ 2.8
Paper and Allied Products	22.2	21.9	21.9	+ 1.4	+ 1.4
Printing and Publishing	28.4	28.2	27.2	+ 0.7	+ 4.4
Chemicals and Allied Products	37.7	37.4	38.1	+ 0.8	- 1.0
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	31.2	31.0	30.0	+ 0.6	+ 4.0
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.4	4.3	+ 2.3	+ 4.7
Nonmanufacturing	1,988.0	1,978.6	1,913.6	+ 0.5	+ 3.9
Mining	4.9	4.8	4.8	+ 2.1	+ 2.1
Construction	169.6	166.2	159.7	+ 2.0	+ 6.2
Transportation and Public Utilities	134.7	134.3	133.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
Transportation, exc. Railroad	73.3	72.7	73.4	+ 0.8	- 0.1
Comm. and Electric, Gas, and San. Ser.	57.2	57.4	56.1	- 0.3	+ 2.0
Wholesale and Retail Trade	628.8	627.4	607.8	+ 0.2	+ 3.5
Wholesale Trade	144.6	143.9	143.0	+ 0.5	+ 1.1
Retail Trade	484.2	483.4	464.8	+ 0.2	+ 4.2
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	128.0	126.2	119.5	+ 1.4	+ 7.1
Service and Miscellaneous 4/	478.5	474.9	456.0	+ 0.8	+ 4.9
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	28.2	27.4	28.5	+ 2.9	- 1.1
Total Government	443.5	444.8	431.9	- 0.3	+ 2.7
Federal	52.4	52.5	51.8	- 0.2	+ 1.2
State	122.6	125.8	119.4	- 2.5	+ 2.7
Local	268.5	266.4	260.7	+ 0.8	+ 3.0

* Revised.

1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

2/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

3/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services; Forestry and Fisheries.

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

June 1987 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	June 1987	May* 1987	June 1986	May 1987	June 1986
Manufacturing	674.1	668.8	658.8	+ 0.8	+ 2.3
Durable Goods	259.7	257.8	253.9	+ 0.7	+ 2.3
Lumber and Wood Products	32.1	32.8	32.9	- 2.1	- 2.4
Furniture and Fixtures	76.9	76.5	73.9	+ 0.5	+ 4.1
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	17.6	17.3	16.7	+ 1.7	+ 5.4
Primary Metal Industries	8.4	8.3	8.1	+ 1.2	+ 3.7
Fabricated Metal Products	20.2	20.0	19.8	+ 1.0	+ 2.0
Machinery, exc. Electrical	28.7	28.5	28.8	+ 0.7	- 0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	42.4	42.2	41.7	+ 0.5	+ 1.7
Transportation Equipment	20.7	20.5	19.3	+ 1.0	+ 7.3
Nondurable Goods	414.4	411.0	404.9	+ 0.8	+ 2.3
Food and Kindred Products	33.6	33.0	34.4	+ 1.8	- 2.3
Tobacco Manufacturers	17.9	18.1	18.5	- 1.1	- 3.2
Textile Mill Products	194.4	193.0	187.9	+ 0.7	+ 3.5
Apparel and Other Textile Products	79.6	79.2	77.7	+ 0.5	+ 2.4
Paper and Allied Products	16.8	16.4	16.4	+ 2.4	+ 2.4
Printing and Publishing	17.7	17.6	16.7	+ 0.6	+ 6.0
Chemicals and Allied Products	25.0	24.4	25.1	+ 2.5	- 0.4
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	25.7	25.5	24.6	+ 0.8	+ 4.5
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.7	3.7	3.6	0.0	+ 2.8

* Revised.

1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

2/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

Average Earnings and Hours in North Carolina 1/

June 1987 2/

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1987	May* 1987	June* 1986	June 1987	May* 1987	June* 1986	June 1987	May* 1987	June* 1986
MANUFACTURING	$324.53	$319.76	$304.84	41.5	41.1	40.7	$ 7.82	$ 7.78	$ 7.49
DURABLE GOODS	332.47	331.66	314.20	41.3	41.2	40.7	8.05	8.05	7.72
Lumber & Wood Products	282.35	281.67	267.24	41.4	41.3	40.8	6.82	6.82	6.55
Furniture & Fixtures	280.37	280.06	266.26	39.6	39.5	38.7	7.08	7.09	6.88
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	374.43	368.51	347.75	42.5	42.8	42.1	8.81	8.61	8.26
Primary Metal Industries	403.68	402.43	374.36	43.5	43.6	42.3	9.28	9.23	8.85
Fabricated Metal Industries	364.11	360.64	346.11	41.9	41.5	41.6	8.69	8.69	8.32
Machinery, exc. Electrical	385.41	380.06	352.31	43.5	42.8	41.4	8.86	8.88	8.51
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	370.18	369.22	353.64	41.5	41.3	42.0	8.92	8.94	8.42
Transportation Equipment	368.43	372.80	351.96	42.3	42.9	41.9	8.71	8.69	8.40
NONDURABLE GOODS	319.49	312.01	298.74	41.6	41.0	40.7	7.68	7.61	7.34
Food & Kindred Products	281.10	270.82	278.66	40.1	38.8	40.8	7.01	6.98	6.83
Tobacco Manufacturers	649.04	593.54	562.50	39.6	39.1	37.5	16.39	15.18	15.00
Textile Mill Products	296.70	290.86	273.79	43.0	42.4	41.8	6.90	6.86	6.55
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	208.29	204.06	199.64	38.5	38.0	38.1	5.41	5.37	5.24
Paper & Allied Products	497.49	493.72	494.60	44.9	44.6	44.2	11.08	11.07	11.19
Printing & Publishing	345.54	356.61	334.84	39.0	39.8	38.8	8.86	8.96	8.63
Chemicals & Allied Products	453.77	440.06	406.39	43.8	42.6	41.3	10.36	10.33	9.84
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Prod.	404.92	396.45	371.28	42.4	41.6	40.8	9.55	9.53	9.10
MINING	408.90	410.64	392.83	47.0	47.2	47.5	8.70	8.70	8.27
COMM. & ELEC., GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	517.33	514.92	496.02	42.3	42.0	42.0	12.23	12.26	11.81
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	210.92	208.66	205.26	32.7	32.4	33.0	6.45	6.44	6.22
Wholesale Trade	338.00	333.88	321.95	40.0	39.7	39.6	8.45	8.41	8.13
Retail Trade	177.10	175.38	172.85	30.8	30.5	31.2	5.75	5.75	5.54
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	149.93	151.18	141.66	31.3	31.3	30.4	4.79	4.83	4.66

---

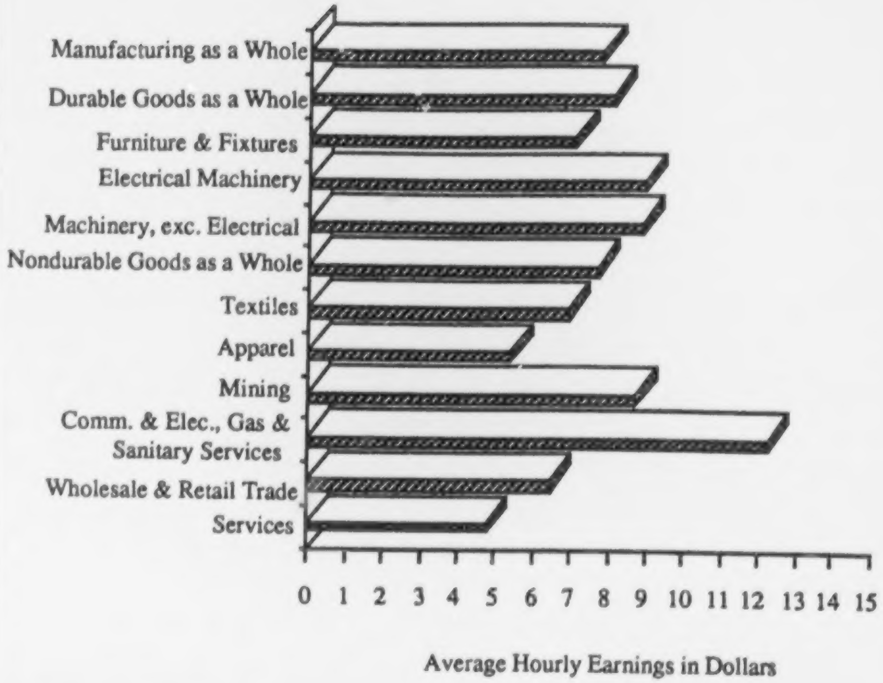
* Revised.

1/ These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

2/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

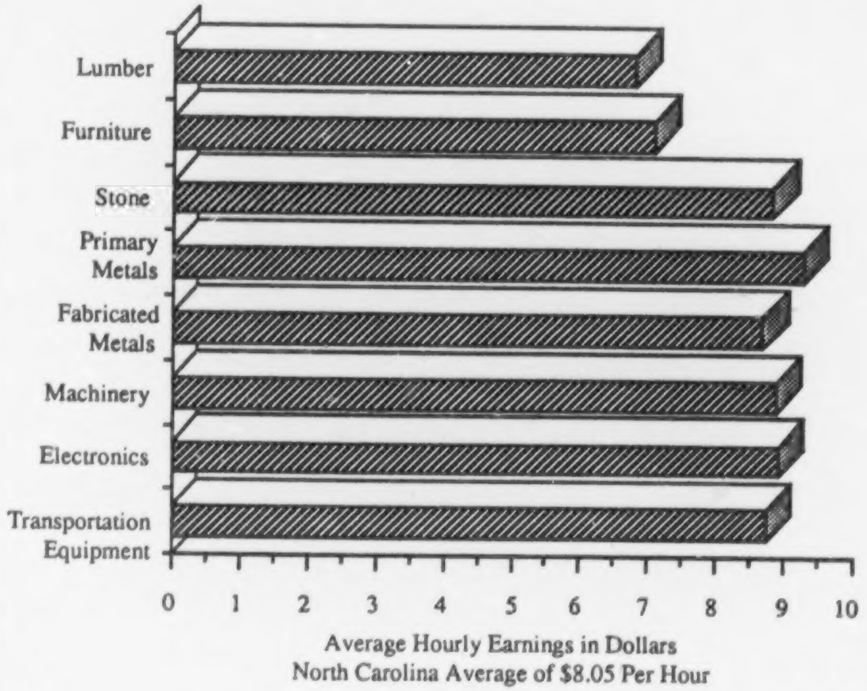
Average Hourly Earnings by Major Industry Sectors in North Carolina

June 1987



Average Hourly Earnings in Durable Goods Industries Compared to the North Carolina Average

June 1987



10/16/87 S5925-5

For more information regarding Labor Market Information, you may contact:

Labor Market Information Division
Employment Security Commission of North Carolina
700 Wade Avenue
Post Office Box 25903
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

Telephone: (919) 733-2936

One thousand copies of this public document were printed at a cost of $100.00, or $.10 per copy.

State Labor Summary: North Carolina

July 1987

Project Supervisor:
Joe Richardson

Labor Market Information Division
Employment Security Commission of North Carolina
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

State Labor Summary: North Carolina

July 1987

HIGHLIGHTS

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for North Carolina in July 1987 was 4.5 percent, unchanged from the month ago rate. From July a year ago, the rate dropped by four-tenths of one percent from 4.9. The national unemployment rate declined one-tenth of one percent from June 1987 to July 1987, from 6.1 percent to 6.0 percent. The 6.0 unemployment rate in July represented a one percent decrease from the July 1986 rate of 7.0.

The North Carolina civilian labor force, seasonally adjusted, stood at 3,322,000 in July 1987 for an increase of 30,000 (+0.9 percent) from the month ago total of 3,292,000. For the year, the civilian labor force grew from 3,213,000 in July 1986 for a percentage increase of 3.4.

The number of persons employed (seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina during July 1987 reached 3,171,000 for an increase of 28,000 (+0.9 percent) workers from a month ago. The employment total grew by 3.8 percent over the year, rising from 3,055,000 in July 1986 to 3,171,000 in July 1987. Unemployment also rose over the month as the number of jobless workers increased by 2,000 (+1.3 percent) from 149,000 in June to 151,000 in July. From a year ago, however, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 7,000 (-4.4 percent) from 158,000 in July 1986 to 151,000 in July 1987.

Industry employment, after seasonal adjustments, increased by 9,100 workers from June 1987 to July 1987. Manufacturing employment rose by 5,500 workers (+0.6 percent), while the number of workers in nomanufacturing grew by 3,600 (+0.2 percent). Over the month, the largest employment gains occurred in retail trade (+2,300), furniture (+1,700), textiles (+1,700), and construction (+1,500). From July 1986 to July 1987, industry employment saw a net increase of 101,400 as services gained 25,100 (+5.6 percent) and retail trade employment grew by 20,200. In manufacturing, the textile and furniture industries experienced increases of 8,700 and 5,900 workers, respectively, from July 1986 to July 1987.

Weeks claimed for unemployment benefits were up 4,906, rising from 33,679 in June 1987 to 38,285 in July 1987. Decreases in weeks claimed in manufacturing industries were reported only in food (-71) and in stone, clay and glass (-19). In the nonmanufacturing sector the only industry reporting a reduction in weeks claimed was construction (-262).

There was a total of 21,010 individuals placed in jobs through the Employment Security Commission during July 1987, an increase of more than 7,000 over the previous month. The largest number of placements was made in agriculture, forestry, fishery, and related occupations (+4,531) followed by service, except domestic, occupations (+3,018). Placements were highest in the services and government divisions, 3,760 and 2,429, respectively.

Production workers in manufacturing earned less per week than a month ago as losses occurred in most industries. Workers in most industries, however, earned more per hour with average weekly hours worked down from June 1987 to July 1987. Production workers, except those in the paper industries had higher hourly earnings in July 1987 than a year ago. Nonsupervisory workers in communications and public utilities, retail trade, and laundries and dry cleaners, earned more per week than a month ago, and average hourly earnings were up in all published nonmanufacturing industries.

In manufacturing, the number of production workers dropped from 673,300 in June 1987 to 671,500 in July 1987 for a net decrease of 1,800. Both the durable and nondurable goods, overall, lost production workers as only small gains occurred in fabricated metals (+100), food (+300), tobacco (+300), paper (+100), rubber (+300), and other durables (+100). From July 1986 manufacturing gained 18,000 production workers with most of the gains in textiles (+7,800) and furniture (+5,000).

Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

July 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: February 1987 through July 1987					
	July 1986	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1987	June 1987	July 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,761	4,809	4,816	4,822	4,829	4,836	4,843
Civilian Labor Force	3,213	3,290	3,264	3,267	3,240	3,292	3,322
Participation Rate 1/	67.5	68.4	67.8	67.8	67.1	68.1	68.6
Employed	3,055	3,122	3,107	3,112	3,101	3,143	3,171
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	64.2	64.9	64.5	64.5	64.2	65.0	65.5
Unemployed	158	168	157	155	139	149	151
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.1	4.8	4.7	4.3	4.5	4.5
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	----	----	----	----	----	----	----

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: May 1987 through July 1987		
	July 1986	May 1987	June 1987	July 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,761	4,829	4,836	4,843
Civilian Labor Force	3,276	3,250	3,316	3,389
Participation Rate 1/	68.8	67.3	68.6	70.0
Employed	3,108	3,114	3,155	3,229
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	65.3	64.5	65.2	66.7
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.2	4.9	4.7
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	1.8	1.3	1.3	INA*

---

* Information not available.

1/ The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

2/ The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.

3/ The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

July 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year July 1986	Time Series Data: February 1987 through July 1987 Feb. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1987	June 1987	July 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	180,682	181,998	182,179	182,344	182,533	182,703	182,885
Civilian Labor Force	118,117	119,349	119,222	119,335	119,993	119,517	119,952
Participation Rate 1/	65.4	65.6	65.4	65.4	65.7	65.4	65.6
Employed	109,887	111,382	111,368	111,835	112,447	112,257	112,727
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	60.8	61.2	61.1	61.3	61.6	61.4	61.6
Unemployed	8,230	7,967	7,854	7,500	7,546	7,260	7,224
Unemployment Rate	7.0	6.7	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.1	6.0
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.4	INA*

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year July 1986	Time Series Data: May 1987 through July 1987 May 1987	June 1987	July 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	180,682	182,533	182,703	182,885
Civilian Labor Force	120,303	119,695	121,153	122,105
Participation Rate 1/	66.6	65.6	66.3	66.8
Employed	111,832	112,377	113,498	114,652
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	61.9	61.6	62.1	62.7
Unemployed	8,471	7,318	7,655	7,453
Unemployment Rate	7.0	6.1	6.3	6.1
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.7	2.3	2.2	INA*

---

* Information not available.

1/ The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

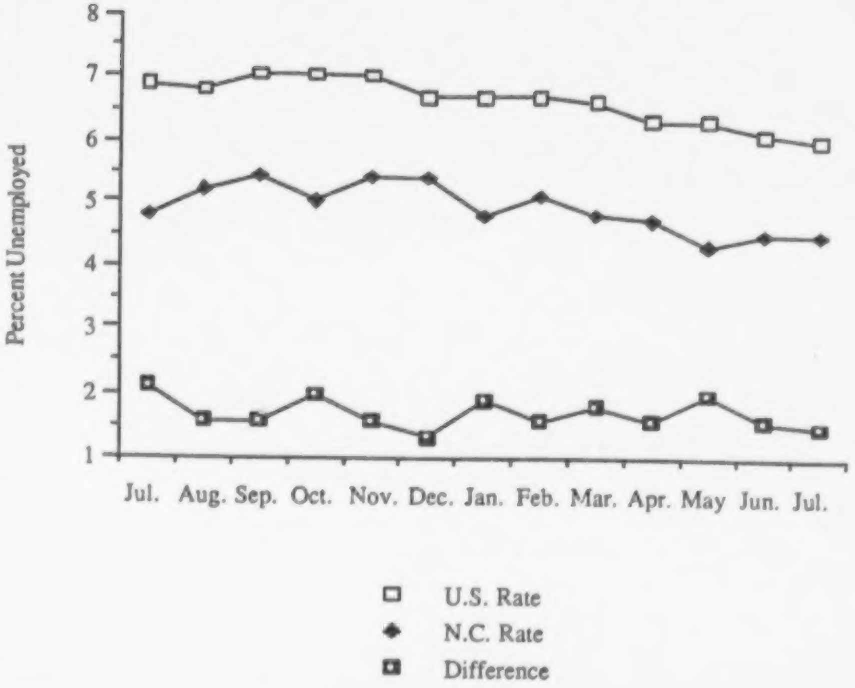
2/ The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.

3/ The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

A Comparison of Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States

July 1986-
July 1987

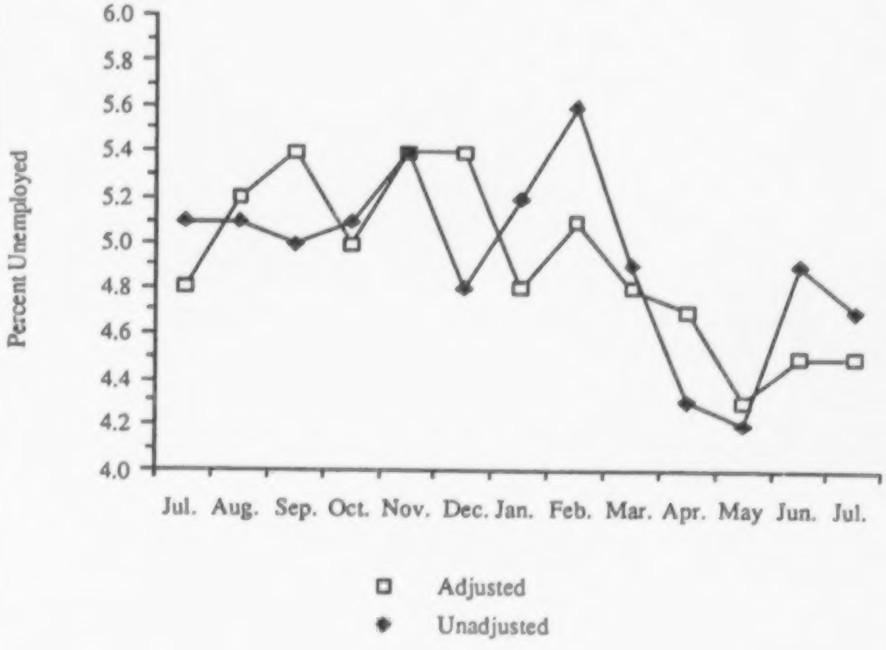
(Seasonally Adjusted)



North Carolina Unemployment Rates

July 1986 -
July 1987

(Adjusted and Unadjusted)



Industry Employment in North Carolina

July 1987 1/

(Seasonally Adjusted)

(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
	July 1987	June* 1987	July* 1986	June 1987 Net	June 1987 Percent	July 1986 Net	July 1986 Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force 2/	3,389.5	3,316.2	3,275.9	+ 73.3	+ 2.2	+ 113.6	+ 3.5
Unemployment, Total	160.2	161.5	167.8	- 1.3	- 0.8	- 7.6	- 4.5
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.7	4.9	5.1	- 0.2	-----	- 0.4	-----
Employment, Total	3,229.3	3,154.7	3,108.1	+ 74.6	+ 2.4	+ 121.2	+ 3.9
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force 2/	3,322.0	3,292.0	3,213.0	+ 30.0	+ 0.9	+ 109.0	+ 3.4
Unemployment, Total	151.0	149.0	158.0	+ 2.0	+ 1.3	- 7.0	- 4.4
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.5	4.5	4.9	0.0	-----	- 0.4	-----
Employment, Total	3,171.0	3,143.0	3,055.0	+ 28.0	+ 0.9	+ 116.0	+ 3.8
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,830.0	2,820.9	2,728.6	+ 9.1	+ 0.3	+ 101.4	+ 3.7
Manufacturing	853.3	847.8	829.8	+ 5.5	+ 0.6	+ 23.5	+ 2.8
Durable Goods	345.9	343.6	335.4	+ 2.3	+ 0.7	+ 10.5	+ 3.1
Lumber & Wood Products	37.2	37.2	37.0	0.0	0.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Furniture & Fixtures	89.6	87.9	83.7	+ 1.7	+ 1.9	+ 5.9	+ 7.0
Stone, Clay & Glass	21.6	21.6	20.1	0.0	0.0	+ 1.5	+ 7.5
Primary Metals	11.4	11.4	11.1	0.0	+ 0.0	+ 0.3	+ 2.7
Fabricated Metals	27.2	26.9	26.4	+ 0.3	+ 1.1	+ 0.8	+ 3.0
Machinery, exc. Electrical	57.0	57.0	56.1	0.0	0.0	+ 0.9	+ 1.6
Electrical Machinery	59.3	59.0	60.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.5	- 1.2	- 2.0
Transportation Equipment	25.3	25.2	23.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	+ 1.8	+ 7.7
Other Durable Goods	17.3	17.4	17.0	- 0.1	- 0.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.8

---

* Revised.

1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

2/ Data are compiled on the basis of "Place of Residency."

3/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

4/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather and Leather Products.

5/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services, Forestry and Fisheries.

6/ This category includes Self-employed workers, unpaid family workers and domestic workers in private households.

(Continued)

Industry Employment in North Carolina

July 1987 1/

(Seasonally Adjusted)

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Total Employment			Change From:			
				June 1987		July 1986	
Classification	July 1987	June* 1987	July 1986	Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Nondurable Goods	507.4	504.2	494.4	+ 3.2	+ 0.6	+ 13.0	+ 2.6
Food & Kindred Products	47.3	47.1	46.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.7	+ 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.2	24.7	26.1	+ 0.5	+ 2.0	- 0.9	- 3.4
Textile Mill Products	219.9	218.2	211.2	+ 1.7	+ 0.8	+ 8.7	+ 4.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	91.3	91.3	89.1	0.0	0.0	+ 2.2	+ 2.5
Paper & Allied Products	22.2	22.1	21.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.4	+ 1.8
Printing & Publishing	28.5	28.4	27.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.7	+ 2.5
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.4	37.3	37.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	- 0.5	- 1.3
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	31.1	30.6	29.6	+ 0.5	+ 1.6	+ 1.5	+ 5.1
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	4.5	4.5	4.3	0.0	0.0	+ 0.2	+ 4.7
Nonmanufacturing	1,976.7	1,973.1	1,898.8	+ 3.6	+ 0.2	+ 77.9	+ 4.1
Mining	4.8	4.8	4.7	0.0	0.0	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
Construction	166.4	164.9	156.5	+ 1.5	+ 0.9	+ 9.9	+ 6.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	135.0	135.0	134.0	0.0	0.0	+ 1.0	+ 0.7
Transportation, exc. Railroad	74.2	74.2	72.8	0.0	0.0	+ 1.4	+ 1.9
Comm. & Elec., Gas & San. Ser.	57.0	57.0	56.7	0.0	0.0	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
Wholesale & Retail Trade	631.0	629.1	608.4	+ 1.9	+ 0.3	+ 22.6	+ 3.7
Wholesale Trade	145.2	145.6	142.8	- 0.4	- 0.3	+ 2.4	+ 1.7
Retail Trade	485.8	483.5	465.6	+ 2.3	+ 0.5	+ 20.2	+ 4.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	127.7	126.9	119.0	+ 0.8	+ 0.6	+ 8.7	+ 7.3
Service & Miscellaneous 5/	476.7	475.3	451.6	+ 1.4	+ 0.3	+ 25.1	+ 5.6
Total Government	435.1	437.1	424.6	- 2.0	- 0.5	+ 10.5	+ 2.5
Federal	52.1	52.2	51.3	- 0.1	- 0.2	+ 0.8	+ 1.6
State	126.6	126.0	124.4	+ 0.6	+ 0.5	+ 2.2	+ 1.8
Local	256.4	258.9	248.9	- 2.5	- 1.0	+ 7.5	+ 3.0
All Other Nonag. Employment 6/	262.8	259.3	255.8	+ 3.5	+ 1.3	+ 7.0	+ 2.7
Agriculture	97.8	68.9	105.1	+ 28.9	+ 41.9	- 7.3	- 6.9

---

* Revised.

1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

2/ Data are compiled on the basis of "Place of Residency."

3/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

4/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather and Leather Products.

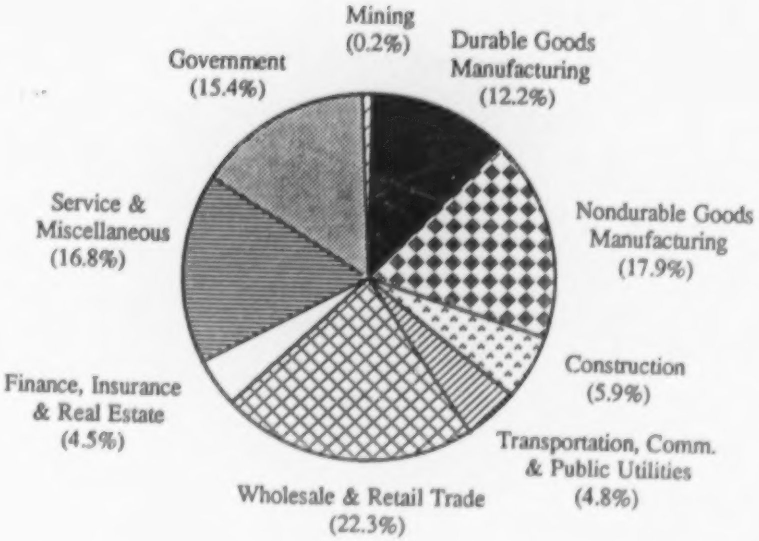
5/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services, Forestry and Fisheries.

6/ This category includes Self-employed workers, unpaid family workers and domestic workers in private households.

Composition of Nonagricultural Employment in North Carolina

July 1987

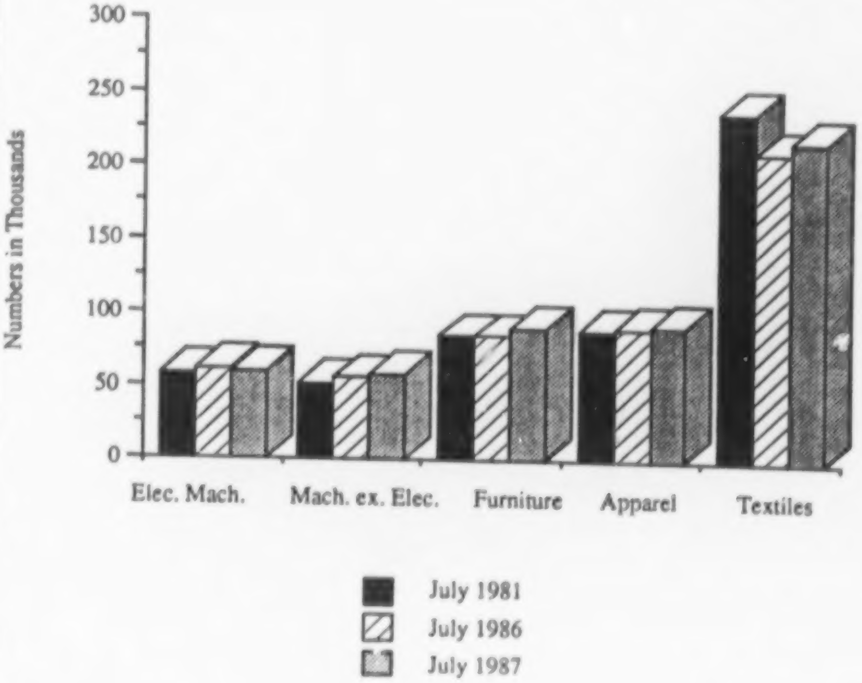
(Seasonally Adjusted)



Employment Levels in Major Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

July 1987

(Seasonally Adjusted)



Insured Unemployment in North Carolina: Claims Taking Activities by Major Industry Sector 1/

July 1987

Industry of Primary Attachment	Insured Employment	Weeks Claimed			
		Weekly Total	% of Insured Employment	Change From Previous Month	
				Numerical	Percent
Total All Industries	2,657,545	38,285	1.4	+ 4,609	+ 13.7
Manufacturing Total	831,493	18,212	2.2	+ 3,612	+ 24.7
Food Products	47,390	603	1.3	- 71	- 10.5
Tobacco	24,719	1,237	5.0	+ 72	+ 6.2
Textile Products	214,680	4,502	2.1	+ 999	+ 28.5
Apparel Products	85,076	3,717	4.4	+ 595	+ 19.1
Lumber and Wood	38,228	805	2.1	+ 35	+ 4.5
Furniture and Fixtures	85,009	1,942	2.3	+ 914	+ 88.9
Paper and Allied	21,815	178	0.8	+ 31	+ 21.1
Printing and Publishing	27,852	336	1.2	+ 88	+ 35.5
Chemicals and Allied	38,628	298	0.8	+ 69	+ 30.1
Rubber and Plastics	30,983	450	1.5	+ 1	+ 0.2
Leather Products	3,605	78	2.2	+ 19	+ 32.2
Stone, Clay and Glass	20,161	214	1.1	- 19	- 8.2
Primary and Fabricated Metals	37,158	626	1.7	+ 48	+ 8.3
Nonelectrical Machinery	56,534	899	1.6	+ 240	+ 36.4
Electrical and Electronic Machinery	58,567	1,362	2.3	+ 312	+ 29.7
Transportation Equipment	23,462	605	2.6	+ 247	+ 69.0
Other Manufacturing 2/	17,626	360	2.0	+ 32	+ 9.8
Construction	155,163	3,526	2.3	- 262	- 6.9
Transportation, Comm. and Utilities	128,967	986	0.8	+ 19	+ 2.0
Trade	617,141	5,553	0.9	+ 83	+ 1.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	116,860	728	0.6	+ 43	+ 6.3
Services	413,778	3,145	0.8	+ 108	+ 3.6
State Government	111,848	688	0.6	+ 78	+ 12.8
Local Government	253,428	1,310	0.5	+ 195	+ 17.5
Other 3/	-----	4,137	---	+ 733	+ 21.5

1/ These include new and additional claims. Additional claims are claims which are reopened during the course of an established benefit year.

2/ "Other Manufacturing" includes Petroleum Refining, Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

3/ "Other" includes persons who filed but did not establish a benefit year due to insufficient industry attachment and/or the lack of determination of industry attachment; it also includes Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Mining industry employees.

Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions

July 1987 1/*

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed 2/	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs 2/, 3/	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction
Total	21,010	18,347	2,076	6	1,617
Professional, Technical & Managerial Occupations	476	474	3	0	5
Clerical Occupations	1,887	1,859	9	0	34
Sales Occupations	450	438	0	0	0
Domestic Service Occupations	193	136	1	0	1
Other Service Occupations	3,018	2,998	5	0	20
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery & Related Occupations	4,531	2,394	1,965	0	6
Processing Occupations	1,580	1,454	32	0	2
Machine Trade Occupations	1,813	1,800	12	1	45
Benchwork Occupations	2,461	2,449	6	0	8
Structural Work Occupations	2,192	2,121	16	2	1,423
Motor Freight & Transportation Occupations	296	270	5	2	32
Packaging & Materials Handling Occupations	2,434	2,176	23	0	45
Miscellaneous Occupations	60	60	0	1	1

---

* The month of June 1986 is the end of the program year so the data usually contained in Table 11 is the same as in Table 10.

1/ The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988.

2/ The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.

3/ A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

(Continued)

Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions

July 1987 1/*

Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance &	Services	Public Administration	Government
7,118	384	2,202	167	3,760	1,216	2,429
40	8	43	15	179	181	277
208	123	459	92	661	278	661
16	7	352	7	55	1	5
0	0	0	2	94	38	41
115	22	837	19	1,491	498	934
18	9	7	21	231	140	333
1,359	1	46	1	16	0	1
1,586	8	49	0	98	3	12
2,115	1	24	0	298	0	0
378	15	40	9	194	55	60
39	61	85	1	33	12	10
1,286	119	268	0	441	5	85
27	10	2	0	10	9	15

---

* The month of June 1986 is the end of the program year so the data usually contained in Table 11 is the same as in Table 10.

1/ The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988.

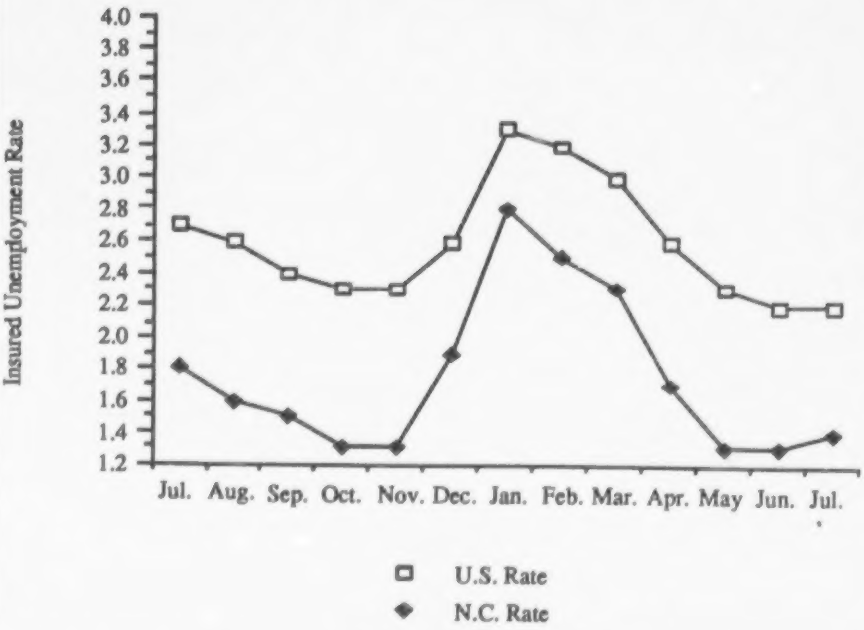
2/ The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.

3/ A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

A Comparison of Insured Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States

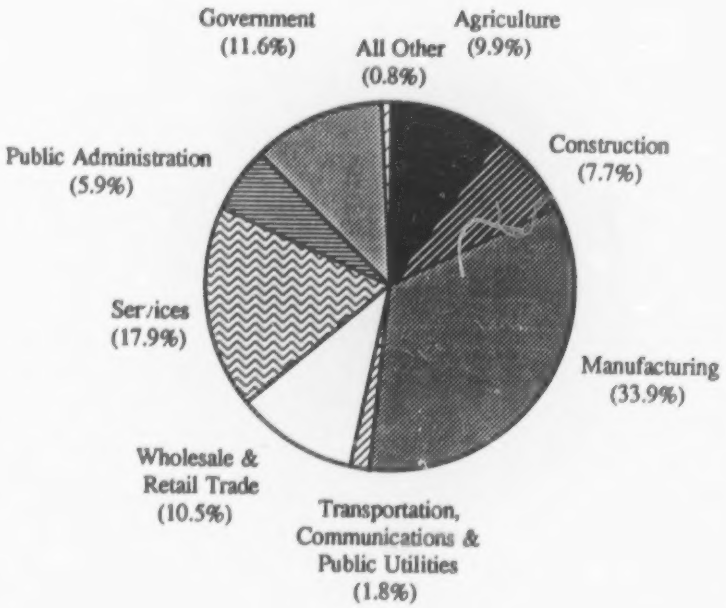
July 1986 - July 1987

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Individuals Placed in Jobs through the Employment Security Commission by Major Industrial Category

July 1987



APPENDIX

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-Supervisory Workers in North Carolina

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina
July 1987 1/
(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment July 1987	June* 1987	July 1986	Percent Change From: June 1987	July 1986
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,795.0	2,840.9	2,694.3	- 1.6	+ 3.7
Manufacturing	848.7	850.7	825.7	- 0.2	+ 2.8
Durable Goods	344.4	344.8	334.2	- 0.1	+ 3.1
Lumber and Wood Products	37.6	37.8	37.4	- 0.5	+ 0.5
Furniture and Fixtures	87.7	87.7	81.9	0.0	+ 7.1
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	21.8	21.8	20.3	0.0	+ 7.4
Primary Metal Industries	11.5	11.4	11.2	+ 0.9	+ 2.7
Fabricated Metal Products	27.2	27.0	26.4	+ 0.7	+ 3.0
Machinery, exc. Electrical	56.9	57.0	56.0	- 0.2	+ 1.6
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	59.2	59.1	60.5	+ 0.2	- 2.1
Transportation Equipment	25.5	25.5	23.7	0.0	+ 7.6
Other Durable Goods 2/	17.1	17.3	16.8	- 1.2	+ 1.8
Nondurable Goods	504.3	505.9	491.5	- 0.3	+ 2.6
Food and Kindred Products	48.2	47.7	47.5	+ 1.0	+ 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.6	23.3	24.5	+ 1.3	- 3.7
Textile Mill Products	218.4	219.7	209.8	- 0.6	+ 4.1
Apparel and Other Textile Products	90.6	91.5	88.4	- 1.0	+ 2.5
Paper and Allied Products	22.2	22.2	21.8	0.0	+ 1.8
Printing and Publishing	28.1	28.3	27.4	- 0.7	+ 2.6
Chemicals and Allied Products	37.4	37.6	37.9	- 0.5	- 1.3
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	31.4	31.2	29.9	+ 0.6	+ 5.0
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.5	4.3	0.0	+ 4.7
Nonmanufacturing	1,946.3	1,990.1	1,868.6	- 2.2	+ 4.2
Mining	4.9	4.9	4.8	0.0	+ 2.1
Construction	172.4	169.4	162.2	+ 1.8	+ 6.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	135.3	135.4	134.2	- 0.1	+ 0.8
Transportation, exc. Railroad	73.8	74.0	72.5	- 0.3	+ 1.8
Comm. and Electric, Gas, and San. Ser.	57.4	57.3	57.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Wholesale and Retail Trade	633.0	629.8	610.4	+ 0.5	+ 3.7
Wholesale Trade	145.7	144.8	143.2	+ 0.6	+ 1.7
Retail Trade	487.3	485.0	467.2	+ 0.5	+ 4.3
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	129.4	128.3	120.5	+ 0.9	+ 7.4
Service and Miscellaneous 4/	483.4	479.1	458.2	+ 0.9	+ 5.5
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	28.9	28.8	28.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
Total Government	387.8	443.2	378.3	- 12.5	+ 2.5
Federal	52.5	52.4	51.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.5
State	114.7	122.4	112.6	- 6.3	+ 1.9
Local	220.7	268.4	214.0	- 17.8	+ 3.1

---

* Revised.

1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

2/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

3/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services; Forestry and Fisheries.

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

July 1987 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	July 1987	June* 1987	July 1986	June 1987	July 1986
Manufacturing	671.5	673.3	653.5	- 0.3	+ 2.8
Durable Goods	259.2	259.6	252.3	- 0.2	+ 2.7
Lumber and Wood Products	32.0	32.1	31.9	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Furniture and Fixtures	76.6	76.7	71.6	- 0.1	+ 7.0
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	17.6	17.6	16.4	0.0	+ 7.3
Primary Metal Industries	8.4	8.4	8.3	0.0	+ 1.2
Fabricated Metal Products	20.3	20.2	19.7	+ 0.5	+ 3.0
Machinery, exc. Electrical	28.4	28.6	28.5	- 0.7	- 0.4
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	42.5	42.6	44.1	- 0.2	- 3.6
Transportation Equipment	20.6	20.7	19.1	- 0.5	+ 7.9
Nondurable Goods	412.3	413.7	401.2	- 0.3	+ 2.8
Food and Kindred Products	34.2	33.9	33.8	+ 0.9	+ 1.2
Tobacco Manufacturers	17.8	17.5	18.5	+ 1.7	- 3.8
Textile Mill Products	193.1	194.2	185.3	- 0.6	+ 4.2
Apparel and Other Textile Products	79.0	79.7	77.4	- 0.9	+ 2.1
Paper and Allied Products	16.8	16.7	16.3	+ 0.6	+ 3.1
Printing and Publishing	17.4	17.6	16.8	- 1.1	+ 3.6
Chemicals and Allied Products	24.4	24.6	25.0	- 0.8	- 2.4
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	25.9	25.6	24.5	+ 1.2	+ 5.7
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.8	3.7	3.6	+ 2.7	+ 5.6

* Revised.

1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

2/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

Table 6

Average Earnings and Hours in North Carolina 1/

July 1987 2/

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jul. 1987	Jun.* 1987	Jul.* 1986	Jul. 1987	Jun.* 1987	Jul.* 1986	Jul. 1987	Jun.* 1987	Jul.* 1986
MANUFACTURING	$317.09	$324.53	$301.55	40.6	41.5	40.1	$ 7.81	$ 7.82	$ 7.52
DURABLE GOODS	329.67	332.88	310.80	40.6	41.3	40.0	8.12	8.06	7.77
Lumber & Wood Products	278.07	283.86	267.15	40.3	41.5	40.6	6.90	6.84	6.58
Furniture & Fixtures	274.89	281.64	258.00	38.5	39.5	37.5	7.14	7.13	6.88
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	385.80	374.88	350.28	43.3	42.6	41.9	8.91	8.80	8.36
Primary Metal Industries	395.17	401.88	351.14	43.0	43.4	40.5	9.19	9.26	8.67
Fabricated Metal Industries	368.21	366.27	337.71	41.7	42.1	40.3	8.83	8.70	8.38
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	374.48	384.09	351.82	42.7	43.4	41.1	8.77	8.85	8.56
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	365.72	367.57	351.44	40.5	41.3	41.2	9.03	8.90	8.53
Transportation Equipment	371.85	368.49	346.86	42.4	42.6	41.0	8.77	8.65	8.46
NONDURABLE GOODS	308.97	319.07	295.47	40.6	41.6	40.2	7.61	7.67	7.35
Food & Kindred Products	269.88	274.31	279.20	39.0	39.3	40.7	6.92	6.98	6.86
Tobacco Manufacturers	531.00	651.42	514.62	33.8	39.6	35.4	15.71	16.45	15.52
Textile Mill Products	289.38	297.39	272.41	42.0	43.1	41.4	6.89	6.90	6.58
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	203.74	207.13	193.21	37.8	38.5	37.3	5.39	5.38	5.18
Paper & Allied Products	488.19	497.06	500.83	44.1	44.7	44.4	11.07	11.12	11.28
Printing & Publishing	354.25	352.34	338.63	39.1	39.5	38.7	9.06	8.92	8.75
Chemicals & Allied Products	437.84	449.52	409.36	42.1	43.6	41.1	10.40	10.31	9.96
Plastics & Synthetics	483.91	498.17	466.04	42.9	44.4	42.6	11.28	11.22	10.94
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Prod.	412.25	411.20	371.28	42.5	42.7	40.4	9.70	9.63	9.19
MINING	402.23	408.90	383.64	46.5	47.0	46.9	8.65	8.70	8.18
COMM. & ELEC., GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	520.20	518.64	497.70	42.5	42.2	42.0	12.24	12.29	11.85
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	212.83	210.90	207.70	33.1	32.8	33.5	6.43	6.43	6.20
Wholesale Trade	335.96	336.84	325.17	39.9	40.1	39.8	8.42	8.40	8.17
Retail Trade	179.66	177.37	174.98	31.3	30.9	31.7	5.74	5.74	5.52
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	140.48	142.62	144.15	29.7	29.9	31.0	4.73	4.77	4.65

---

* Revised.

1/ These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

2/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

Figure 16

Average Hourly Earnings by Major Industry Sectors in North Carolina

July 1987

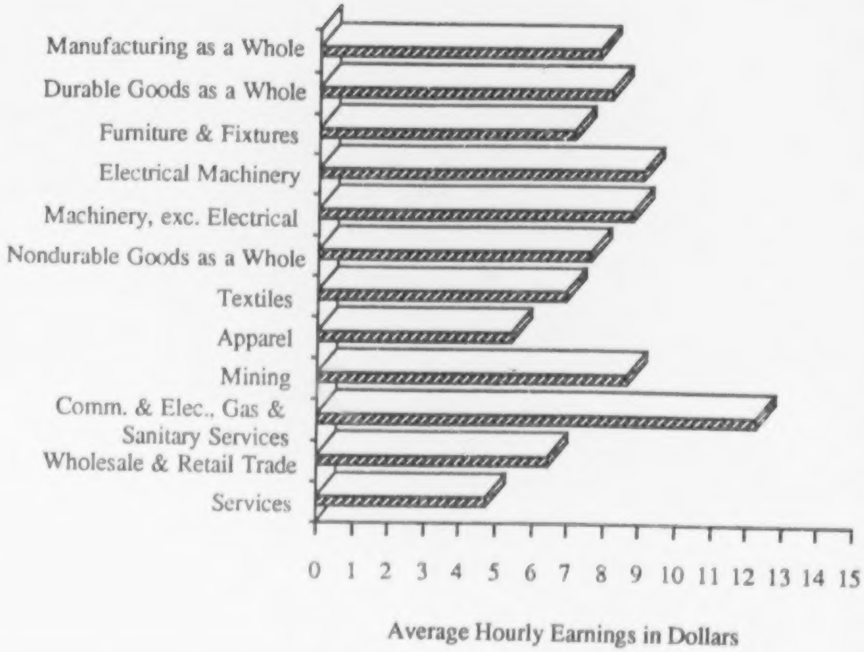


Figure 17

Average Hourly Earnings in Durable Goods Industries Compared to the North Carolina Average

July 1987